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Governor Quey and Chairman Harrington, Vice Chairman Mr. Rhodes, other names, my good friend Pat Moyhanian, who has seen me several times already today in Queens and in Rochester, Governor Harriman, Mayor Lindsay, here are the distinguished leaders throughout the state of New York and around the country, I'm glad to be with you. Thank you very much. In between Rochester and Syracuse and this visit, I've had several others. I went out to Queens for a Democratic rally and I stopped out to see Senator Hubert Humphrey. He's a great man and a great American and a great Democrat a great candidate as the Liberal Party. He was recuperating and I had a chance to talk with him and Myrial. He said if I could find him a place in the program that he would come tonight if I would let him up to speak and we tried to convince him that there was no place in the program and he should stay and recuperate for about two more weeks and he's getting along fine and he ask me to send you his regards and I know that all of you remember him.....Immediately following that I stopped and watched the Press Conference. I have been critical of Mr. Ford because he has not had a full scale White House Press Conference since the 19 of February. He had a press conference tonight, I don't know if you saw it or not but now I have to be critical of him for having a Press Conference and not answering any questions. It was a remarkable demonstration. Apparently he thought he would have a debate without my being there. I don't know how I did in the first two debates but I think I did pretty well in the Press Conference tonight. I appreciate this opportunity to meet with you. It seems as though 30 years has done so much to advance a cause of social justice in America. After next January, the 20, I intend to work with you to restore to our government confidence, compassion, and a commitment to equal justice that we have been so often lacking for the last eight years and you can depend on that. I would say that in the history of the party that I'm the first Governor to come and speak to your formal banquet and I hope that I will not be the last Governor to come here. We've had in our country too much of a pattern of...

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become President one of the things that I hope to accomplish will be to break down many of the old stereotypes about liberals, conservatives, about obstacles that have been in the path of progress and has discouraged serious political discord throughout the country for too many years. In New York State there has been an opportunity, a climate, an atmosphere for tough constant debate about issues that are very crucial to the welfare of our people. .... to many conservative stereotypes have portrayed liberals as fuzzyheaded, and wasteful and conservatives on the other hand as realistic and efficient. Liberals sometimes see themselves as overthrown with the only degree of compassionate that the ... hearted conservatives always liked. I object to both stereotypes and I must say that in the past eight years, we have been taught that the good solid conservative Republican ideologs can be just as incompetent and ineffective and fuzzyheaded as anyone who's ever lived. That's been too much demonstrated, it's got to be changed next January. The stereotypes bear little resemblance to the real world. They ... this on a lot of people who combine both compassion and competence and we have an Adlai Stevenson's phrase, both warm hearts and cool heads. These are the kind of people that share this feeling in the Carter administration and I look forward to having Pat Moynihan to help me as we put these ideals into effect in Washington. Also our national foreign policy dialogue has been too often distorted by cleavages and polarization. The current word in foreign policy has been SALT, and tough. We have suffered enough in this country because some Presidents and their advisors have felt it necessary to prove their toughness by rash and also tragic policies. It's time for our foreign policy to concern itself with real reason rather than image toughness. A strong nation, like a strong person, can afford to be gentle, firm, thoughtful, and restrained, and can afford to extend a helping hand to others. It is the weak nations, like a weak person, .... to hold

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its luster and boasting and rashness and other signs of insecurity. Ours is a strong nation and it must remain strong. The foremost responsibility of any President is to guarantee the security of our country. But national security is more than weapons, it depends on a strength of purpose and unity and commitment and unchanging principals. Are we any more secure because we have hundreds of new atomic weapons which by agreement are carefully being matched by the Soviet Union. Will we be anymore secure if we and they spend another 1/2 trillion dollars in the next decade or two on new atomic weapons systems? We must move to secure agreement with the Soviet Union on a quick freeze of atomic missiles, war heads, and qualitative weapons improvements. We've never tried this by the way. And having us move to a step by step mutual reduction in our atomic arsenal, maintaining at all times rough equivlancy and destructive power. Also, we should realize that our nation has become the arms merchant of the world. It is our responisbility to commence multi-lateral efforts to reduce the international traffic in convential weapons. We have seen in the last few years, as I pointed out in the last debate, that over a period of administrations we have shifted our enphysis on ... weapons. Under the administration of Lyndon Johnson and John Kennedy, 75 percent of the weapons going to the Middle East went to Israel compared to the Arab countries. In the last few years under President Nixon and Ford 60 percent of all of the weapons that have gone to the Arab countries only 40 percent to Israel. We also must realixe that we can take lead among nations to arrest the profilation of atomic weapons, the capability to produce those weapons which threatens us with the prospect of as many as 20 or more nations havings atomic weapons by 1980, 1990. There are now only 5, others are gaining the technology. Some of the steps that we can take are the following: First, imposing along with the Soviet Union a five year total moratorium on the testing of atomic explosives either weapons of a so called peaceful neclrear devices

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and encouraging other nations to join in with us. Secondly, enforcing international safeguards on the handling and processing of atomic waste. Third, providing technology knowledge or fuel supplies only to those nations that agree not to produce nuclear weapons, to submit atomic waste to international control and to sign a non-proliferation treaty and fourth, removing our own atomic weapons from such countries as South Korea, who not have more than 600 atom bombs. There are other good opportunities to be tough and right at the same time. I would like to see our country get tough enough to stop the Arab boycott against American companies that do business with Israel only have Jewish owners and managers. In my lifetime as an adult, and in my study of American history, this is one of the most disgraceful episodes that has ever been condoned by the Federal government. We have permitted a foreign nation to circumvent the basic premise of our Constitution and the Bill of Rights. It must be stopped if it's not stopped between now and January 20, it will be stopped when I become President. I'd like to see our nation get tough on the medicare scandal, on the polluters of our air in Europe, on the ... mess, and when the big shot ... who now seem to be above the law, we have a nation strong enough to have a decent health care system and this has not been done and we're the only developed nation in the world who spends so much on health care and has so little effect. When I was Governor of Georgia we did a study throughout our state of the disease to determine the ten most severe killers of our people, the results were disturbing to say the least. We listed the major killers cancer, stroke, heart disease, and ..... We found for instance that among black women, in rural counties there was 20 times more cervical cancer than among white women in urban counties. Just because of an absence of preventive health care, and this same incident applies to many other parts of the nation, both rural and urban, because many people in this country never see a doctor until they are so sick that

they can detect it themselves and have no ... to secure it at home. We also found a great savings to the taxpayer ... disease center that had its international headquarters in Atlanta. We found that it only cost three dollars to detect a potential stroke victim with a simple cholesterol test and a blood pressure test you can tell someone you might have a stroke, go to your local family physician, have simple medication. It doesn't cost much, just \$3.00. It costs thousands of dollars to take care of someone that's indigent after they have a stroke. I would like to see our government get tough on the whole bureaucratic mess in Washington. We now have an almost impervious federal bureaucracy. When I was elected Governor we had 300 agencies, bureaus, commissions, boards, we abolished 278 of them and we set up a simple structure of government that was not only economical and effective and manageable and purposable, but it was one that people could understand it and control it and remove those special niches of privilege that are so quickly occupied by powerful special interest groups in the confusing that we have in Washington. I would like to see our government get tough on basic tax reform and I would like to see our government get tough on unemployment and inflation. In the last two years alone, under President Ford, we've added 2 and 1/2 million Americans to the unemployment rolls. In the last three months alone, 500,000 Americans have become unemployed. This is bad enough as a statistic but it's devastating to a family. For 15 or 20 years you might have had the father or mother employed and for the first time starts drawing unemployment compensation and after a few months for the first time stands in a welfare line. It tears apart the fabric of a family. It destroys the self-confidence that is crucial. In our government, local state and federal, quite often we forget that those of us assembled in this room with influence, with financial security, with social prominence are quite often the ones who makes decisions and our families very seldom suffer when we make a

mistake, when the unemployment rate goes up rarely do members of our family stand in a line looking for a job, and when the welfare program is confused our families are very seldom touched by a welfare check or the absence of it and when a crime is committed we can pretty well rest assured that our children will not go to jail if they are caught with a small quantity of marijuana or involved in a hit and run accident but there are many Americans who don't have that sense of security, even as it relates to their own government. That needs to be changed, I believe in compassion<sup>ate</sup> to. I believe that the 10 percent of people on welfare that are able bodied ought to be trained, given ... instructions, master a job, offered a job and put to work and the other 90 percent that can't work should be treated with understanding and respect. I believe that we can and should do more for those who are mentally and physically handicapped and I believe that we can and should do more for the elderly and I believe that we can eliminate the double standard of justice. In all of our polling around the country one of the most sharply cutting edges of dissatisfaction is the belief among American people that there is indeed a double standard of justice. One for the poor, a completely different standard for the rich. When I was Governor of Georgia I visited almost every prison in the state, to learn about those living there, to talk to them, to try to do something about rehabilitation. There were black people and white people, there were well educated people and there were illiterate people. 35 percent of all of the inmates in our prisons were mentally retarded. There were young people and old people and there were poor people but never any rich people. We don't do this deliberately but it's done and it's not right and it's not fair and the American people see this very clearly. I believe that we can do more to end ignorance and illiteracy in our country. I was in Utah the other day, the average educational level of all adults is well above the High School level and that is not matched anywhere else in our country.

We have got to spend more per child on education than any other nation on earth but we still have a very low record of stamping out illiteracy. I believe that investments in human beings are the ones that always pay the highest dividend. And I believe that the only way that we are going to accomplish these hopes is to have a government at the same time is both competent for a change and compassionate for a change. In the last few months, I have gone before a lot of conservative audiences in this country and I confessed ... liberal traits and tonight before this liberal audience let me confess the same beliefs that may be classified as conservative. I believe in hard work and I believe in balanced budgets when our people are at work and I intend as one of my major accomplishments as President to see our government once again have a balanced budget before the end of my first term as President. This is not incompatible with the meeting of our needs and the putting of our people back to work and the control of inflation. Historically in our party, the Democratic Party, we have seen this happen. Harry Truman was in office seven years, he didn't have a deficit, he had an average surplus of 2 billion dollars and along with that an unemployment rate when he went out of office of less than 3 percent, an inflation rate of less than one percent. .... home rule from F.H.A. at 4 percent and under John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson and when Lyndon Johnson went out of office the unemployment rate was 3.3 percent, the inflation average about 2 percent and when he went out of office he turned over a balanced budget to Richard Nixon but we'll never have a balanced budget and we'll never have an end to the inflationary spiral and we'll never have an actual ... of our people... as long as we have 7 or 8 million people out of work who are actively looking for jobs so we must put our people back to work. I believe that when there is a choice between government taking over responsibilities and the private sector taking over our responsibilities, the choice is even, the private sector ought to have



that choice. I believe that when there is a choice between national, state, and local government performing functions that the choice should be that gov closest to the individual citizens. I believe that government ought to strengthen the American family because weak families mean more gov.t. and many of the things that we see in our government now seems to destroy a family. Inadequate education, inadequate housing, a lack of jobs, rising inflation hurts those families quite often that are tied together most closely. My family is not poor now but I live among poor people and I know what it means to have a boy or girl reach the age of 18 who don't qualify for welfare payment and who don't qualify for social security payments, and who don't qualify for unemployment compensation and there is a gentle pushing of that young person out of the family environment and I don't care if it's the best young person, when they stand in the streets, or walk the streets for a week, two weeks, or three weeks, they ought to be able to find a job with the tremendous pressure on them to start shoplifting or breaking into cars or selling drugs or starting to gamble or becoming a prostitute. Unemployment is not an excuse of crime but it is a terrible cause of crime and to the extent that the family could do well together, to that extent our country could be strong and government doesn't have to come in and take the place of a father or mother, respect in a mutual way of family members can be restored. I think every decision that the government makes ought to be carefully assessed to make sure that it strengthens the American family. Only strong families can build strong neighborhoods and from only strong neighborhoods can come strong communities and that's how our societal structure should be repaired. Government has done very little in recent years to accomplish this .. but beginning next January that will be one of the highest priorities of my administration. I believe in a minimum of gov't secrecy and a maximum of personal privacy. In the last eight years, this basic concept of our country has been reversed. We've

seen to much government secrecy and not enough personal privacy and I hope that our people will rise up, not only to vote on November 2 to make a change, but to insist at all times that we have sunshine laws in Wash. This will help to prevent errors early, it will prevent the devastating blows that have befallen our country in recent years. I believe that every major mistake that we have made in the last ten years has been caused to a substancial degree by the excluding of the American people from the process of making those decisions, in Vietnam, in Cambodia, in Watergate, the C.I.A., the F.B.I. scandal, our attitude in Chile, Angola if the American people had been deeply involved in making those decisions we could have avoided some serious mistakes. These are some of the things that I believe. Now I don't really know if they are liberal or conservative but I think that they are right. I think that they measure accurately the purpose of our government. We've lost alot in this country in the last eight years. We lost some presious things that we believed in in the past and we took for granted we've lost trust in our Government. I don't think that it has to be that a way. I think that what happen in the last years has been a tempory aboration. Now we are a more wiser and a more scepital nation. I 'm not going to hide in the Rose Garden. I'm going to be out campaigning every minute that I can from now until the election because the campaign itself is a tremendous educational opportunity. Travelling around this nation, to meet American people, to listen alot, to receive question, and experissions and the hopes and dreams of 215 million of us. I ask your help. I appreciate you confidence that you betrust in me. I don't claim to know all of the answers. I'm just a person like you are who has become interested in politics, who came from nowhere to win the nomination. When I started campaigning 21 months ago, I didn't hold public office. I didn't have much money. I think I had 43,000 dollars. I didn't have a built in campaign organization, not many people knew who I was, I doubt if 1 in 1000 of you had ever heard my name. I come from a small town, not quite

as big as New York, it has 683 people in it. But I and my wife and my children and a few volunteers began to travel around the country. So we'd go into a labor hall that would hold several hundred folks and maybe 12 people would show up. So we began to walk the streets, we went into barber shops and beauty parlors and stores, in factorship lines early in the morning and late at night, we'd go into farmers markets and livestock sales barns and county court houses and city halls, and we shook hands with Americans and we learned about them and they learned about us,.... 30 primaries and I learned a lot about this country. I learned that it is still strong. Economically we're still the strongest nation on earth.

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... for President Ford and Mr. Kissinger's statements that there would be an immediate increase in the number of Jews who were permitted to leave Russia. We've seen no increase at all and their's a quad evasion of the committment that was made by the Soviet Union in the so called basket three agreement and later their notious Sun and Felt statement also put a lid of the hopes and the aspirations of the Eastern European people. Now we've seen our nation committing to dictatorships in the absence of democracies all for a temporarily advantage quite often concealed from the American people in its purposes. A lack of leadership in Washington has also made us .... to blackmail as we were in 1973. At that time we imported 35% of our oil overseas, President Nixon made a great speech about Operation Independance and since then we've increased 25% the amount of oil that we import. Now we import 44% instead 35% and it has us vulerable to blackmail from those who do supply us with parts of our oil. We still have no energy policy for this country. We drift from one day to the next. Noone knows what is going to happen tomorrow. There is no assurance of adequate supplies. We have not a drop of oil held in reserve. Under President Ford's schedule, it will be at least 7 years before we have a 90 day supply of oil held in reserve and the amount of oil has been increasing from the Arab countries. We've become the world's arms supplier and we've never shown any morality about the allocation of arms supplies to foreign countries. We must stand with Israel. We must let the world know that there will never be any deviation in our committment for the right of Israel to exist, to exist in peace, to exist permanently, to exist as a Jewish state. This is the committment of the American people and our government and we must provide whatever aid, wheather economic or military aid is necessary, to permit Israel to live and to live strongly and to live in peace. For we have provided increasing quanties of arms to those who surround Israel, potential enemies. Of course, we all want peace, we all want trade but I see no reason why

we should sell 7 and 1/2 billion dollars worth of arms to Arabia in this year alone and our public officials at the highest possible level say that had we not approved the recent sale of offensive weapons that we might have had to face some economic damage, some withholding of oil supplies. If I become President I would never again yield to an Arab embargo. If the Arabs ever said that we are embargoing oil, there would be an instantaneous reply from me as President, well understood from me in advance, that we would not accept the embargo. And if it comes, we will instantly prohibit the sale of anything to those countries who embargo us, no weapons, no..... nothing. When the Congress has tried to exercise restraint, its been very difficult. We need a President who will uphold the finest principals of our country, who will honor not just the letter but the spirit of the Constitution, our laws and particularly our Bill of Rights. Who will protect the right of citizens to be different, but to be free and to provide equality of opportunity to search out in an aggressive way the deprivation of human rights, both here and around the world, and who will maintain a committment understood by all to our allies, like Israel. These kind of things have not been done lately. They have brought great damage to our country. They've removed a major portion of our vital spirit, our confidence about the future, our ability to be unified. This need not be. Our countrys not weak enough to yield to pressure or to blackmail or to abandon our most noble principals. This is inconstanet with the attitudes of our people and there is a great deal of concern about it throughout the world. I realize that this is a time between two great holy days.....and I understand that you at this time set aside first periods for quiet personal introstruction. I have taken great pleasure in visiting the holy places that you also look on with reverance. This is part of my nature and part of my character as well as your. One of the bible verses that have been read in your own temples is what does the Lord require of you? That you do justly, and love .... and walk humbly with your god. I hope that as you maintain an attitude of self introspection and self examination, the removal of hatred and prejudice from your hearts. A recommitment of the finest principles of love, and

compassionate, and brotherhood, and simple justice in these next few days that you would not only think about me and others, who might have to serve this country, but think about our nation itself. The concept of simple justice is one that I mentioned in my acceptance speech at the Democratic Convention that we ought to translate love to one another in the application of simple justice. Justice takes on many forms and although it can be described as simple, it's a complex thing and the complexity of it arises of the fact that our nation is made up of so many people who are not a melting pot, as it has sometimes been described, because a melting pot means that everything blends in together and becomes the same. We're more of a mosaic, a beautiful mosaic, of different kinds of people who have different backgrounds and interests, and education and experience and hopes and dreams and aspirations and fears and prejudices. But we also fit together to make a picture of a nation, in its finest form, has been and can be, an inspiration to all mankind. I want to restore the quality of our lives and I want to restore the commitment of our country and I want to honor its basic principals and if you help me ... we'll do it together. Thank you very much.

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.....back in Tennessee and as Governor Blen pointed out in the spring I got 84% of the votes in Georgia. I got 78% of the votes in Tennessee.....How many of you are ready to see the people of our country have jobs once again. How many of you believe that we can do better than having a 65 billion dollar deficit last year?? How many of you believe that can cooperate with the Congress and quit getting all of his advice and counsel from special interest groups and lobbyists?? I'm glad to be here with my friends in Tennessee to help you to help a great man be elected to the U.S. Senate to replace Senator Brock.... I also hope that you'll help me elect Albert ... Jr. and Ross... can you do that. That's great. This afternoon I want to talk to you for a few minutes about our country, what it is and what it ought to be. There are some things that have gone on in the last eight years under Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford that must be changed. We have seen in the last 2 years 2 and 1/2 million more American people out of work than there were when Gerald Ford went into office. We've seen a 14% increase in the cost of living. We've seen the worst deificit in the history of our country. We've seen unemployment compensation increase 700% in the last eight years and the American people are ready for a change. How many of you are ready for a change in Washington. Right on, right on. We've got a great country but in the last few years we've been hurt very deeply in the aftermath of Vietnam, Cambodia, Chila, Angolia, Watergate, C.I.A., F.B.I., unemployment, inflation, this has got to change and we're going to change it. This is a great part of our country. One of our leaders of the Democratic Party, Andrew Jackson, was a man of the people not a man of the special interests. He went to Washington to change things the same that we're going to change when you elect me President, Jim,... to the Senate. We've seen in the last few years, 7 and 1/2 million people out of work. We've seen in the last few years 3 times as much inflation that has ever existed before under Johnson and Kennedy. We've seen in the last few years the highest deficit every created under Nixon and Ford equal to all 192 years before they went into office. We've seen a breakdown between the President and the Congress.

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between government at the federal, state, and local levels, between government, business, industry, agriculture. We need to get Ford out of the White House, Kissinger out of the Secretary of State's office and turn this country over to the people. There is something that we need to remember too. In spite of the tremendous damage done to our country the last eight years, We're still a strong nation. Our economic strength is still just like it was. We've still got great land areas, beautiful fields we've got rivers and streams, we've got pure air, we've got access to the oceans, we've got mineral deposits, we've got people who want to work, if we have a chance to work, and we're going to put our people back to work next January with a Democratic Administration. This is a year that's very important in the history of our country, we've seen by watching the South in 1932 when Franklin Roosevelt ran against Hoover. We saw... in the South when Harry Truman bet Thomas Dewey. We saw what happened in the South in 1960 when John Kennedy bet Richard Nixon and we're going to see the South rise again when I ... Gerald Ford. It's time for us to remember too that our people have been betrayed but our country is still strong. We need to put our people back together to unify our nation. We need to have strength and political support and advice and counsel coming from the average American citizen who doesn't want anything selfish out of government but just wants to be treated fairly for a change. We need a complete revision of our income tax laws that are now unfair and you're going to get those next year when I get to the White House. I need you help. When I began my campaign 21 months ago, I didn't have a built in campaign organization. I didn't have very much money. I came from a small town of 683 people. I didn't hold public office. I was from the South and a lot of people said that I didn't have a chance but we began to go from one house to another, one labor hall to another, one factoryship to another, one courthouse to another, to meet people, to learn about them. You help me in November and I'll help you in January. Will you help us do that?? This is a time to think very carefully about what your nation is. What it was in 1968, 1940, 1930's when we had Democrats in the White House. In the last 24 years we've had Republicans in the White House 16 years. They brought disgrace



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to our government. They brought the highest unemployment that we've seen in a long time. They've wrapped the government in secrecy. They've separated people from their own government and now it's time to make a change. This is a country that's waiting to restore morality and purpose and openness to our government. This is a country that is waiting for a good agriculture policy, for a good housing policy, good transportation, energy, education, to get our people off of welfare, to put them back to work, to control inflation, to balance the budget and that's what we've got to do next year. The last thing that I want to say is this. I need your help again. This campaign is gonna be a tough one. I look forward to it. It's not an easy thing for an outsider to run against an incumbent President with all of the trappings of the White House all of the support of the special interests groups and put him out of office. You are the cause of what this nation is going to be in the future and the Republicans are the cause of the faults of the past eight years. If we work together we can win in November, restore the government to you, give us a nation once again in which we can be proud. You help me and I'll help you. Thank you very much.

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I will do the best that I can to answer these questions in as short as time as possible. First about the letter to Senator Jackson. I pointed out in the letter to Senator Jackson and also ask him to use it that I would do everything that I possibly can as President in every diplomatic exchange, both private and public, in the negotiation or reassessment of the Helsinki Agreement that's going to be held in 1977 and the enforcement of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment on the trade bill to encourage and to use diplomatic and economic means to force the Soviet Union to increase the Jewish migration.

I don't believe anybody has an answer to the Palentinian problem in its entirety. I think that the legitimate needs of the Palentinians must be met. I think that the world should know and I think that the President of the United States and the Secretary of State in the future can explain that the stop Palentinian problem is not one that has been originated or caused by Israel. This is a long standing problem whose complexity has been treated by a large degree by the nations who surround Israel and who now blame the Palentinian problem on Israel itself. I don't want to try and describe to you a complete fulltime settlement of the Middle Eastern question. I think one of the proposals that has been put forward with which I have discussed this with Mrs. Mier and Mr. Long and others, there is some possibility that the Palentians be relocated in an area to be defined in the future, perhaps part of it to be defined on the West Bank of the Jordan, but to be under the sovereignty of Jordan itself.

Question about the cities. I would prescribe first of all an Urban policy. We have no way now to anticipate what is going to happen next in the relationship between the Federal, State, and Local levels of government. There is no way to predict what financial responsibility will fall on a city to administer programs like health, or education, or welfare, medicade, transportation, pollution

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control and so forth. This ought to be a very orderly process. Whenever any new bill is passed that affects or impacts on the people who live in our local communities, and that will be almost everyone, the Mayors and other local officials ought to be involved in the embryonic stage of drafting of the legislation. We ought to have an assurance that in accordance with the inclination of Congress that when bills are all passed for housing or for law enforcement or for pollution control or for transportation that the money go where the need is the greatest. This has not been done in the past. Although Congress's intention is along these lines. Quite often the people who are wealthier, better organized, more articulate have more influence than the ... of benefits from the bills themselves. I as President would assume the responsibilities and would make sure that the money would go where the need is greatest. Quite often, this is in the rural areas and also in the downtown urban areas of our country, they've been neglected to much in the last eight years. There are many other things that I could talk about concerning job opportunities. Here the affliction falls most heavily on those who are already poor, who don't have good health care, who don't have good education opportunities but the origination of the Federal government services should be to those who needs help most. The last couple of points are these. I favor all revenue sharing money going to local governments and I would like to remove the prohibitions against the use of revenue sharing money for things like health care or education. We've had very devastation blow afflicted on home owners as well as those who rent apts. with the rapidly increasing inflation and inflation costs us all and if a home increases or doubles in value every ten years, which it has under Nixon and Ford, it means that property taxes in general at least double. No additional benefits comes from the home and as welfare costs go up, property taxes go up. I was in Buffalo earlier this morning and they just announced a 75% increase, some said 50% increase, the paper this morning said 75% in one year in property taxes. These are highly regressive in nature and show a

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breakdown, not of local government, but of the leadership that ought to come from the White House and working with Congress. I said in my New Jersey speech I advocated a step by step procedure in implementing the Resolution 242 from the United Nations, this is not what I advocated. What I advocate is that first of all the integrity of Israel be recognized,, that each Arab neighbor recognize Israel's right to exist and to exist permanently and to exist in peace, that there be bilateral exchanges in diplomatic negotiations between each individual neighboring country and Israel itself. I would hope that we can move toward a comprehensive settlement of the Israeli problem or the middle eastern problem but it's got to be based on the recognition by the surrounding countries of Israel, a willingness to negotiate with Israel directly, a recognition that Israel is going to be there permanently, a recognition and a public avowal of... and I think all of those things would have to be attained before any overall settlement could possibly be expected.

QUESTION ON ENERGY-- The immediate thing that ought to be done on energy is to have a comprehensive energy policy and to let our people start planning now on how to consummate that policy. We need to shift from oil to coal, have a major research and development investment in the utilization of coal, especially in the Appalachian region, how to burn coal, how to make electricity with a minimum of adverse effect to our environment. We need to have strict conservation measures which so far this administration has circumvented. The Congress passes strict laws or conversation, Ford and his subordinates immediately work out with the special interest groups a way to circumvent the requirements of the law. We need to shift toward research and development and solar energy, continue to use atomic power as a last safety. I worked in ... and I think I know the limitations and capabilities and the safety requirements that are not now maintained in the nuclear energy

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field. But I would say the most immediate thing that could be done is strict conservation to cut down on consumption and cut down on the importation of oil. I have already described my position on an embargo. I would not declare an economic against a nation if they simply raise the price of oil.

BORDERS OF ISRAEL FOR 1967 I think again I would refer back to the United Nations Resolution 242, which said that there would be a withdraw from the 1967 to some degree, but I think any withdraw ought to be a ... with advantages to be derived by Israel. If I were the ..... of Israel I would not relinquish control to the Syrians of ..... Heights and I would never relinquish control in the city of Jerusalem of the Jewish and Christian Holy places. Other... might be proposed as time goes on but I would never envision a complete withdraw by Israel to the boundries that existed prior to the 1967 confrontation with their enemies. Hurried those are the answers to your questions. May I say one thing further. Let me say one thing in closing. I don't claim to know all of the answers. I've been to Israel and I have met with the leaders of that great country, I've met with hundreds of groups of Jewish American citizens, I've talked some, I've listened more, I've tried to study. I believe that I will be the President. I want to mantain a close relationship with you. I share your concerns and I want to be sure that when I am President, that we carry out the promises that I made to you and the principals that I described to you about domesti and international human rights. These take on various forms but they are an unequivallent of mine and I believe with your help and with the inspiration that can be derived from your loyalty to our own country and what it stands for, to the Jewish people and what you've allways stood for the concepts of simple justice, brotherhood, and humanity, individuality and freedom, choose to be different but still take whatever talent or ability God gives us and use it to the utmost, we share those committments. I hope that I might have your support and your

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confidence. I'll do my best never to betray that trust

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Hartford, Connecticut

Thank you. Senator Ribicoff, Governor Alagrosso, Candidate for the Congress of the United States Senate Gloria Shaffer, Senator Bill Conner.....Thank you for coming out to see me today. This is the state where I use to live, my youngest son was born in Connecticut and you represent in this great state the finest principles of the Democratic Party. I particularly want to thank Abe Ribicoff who at times there was a great deal of concern about my being a Senator and a great deal of concern about my own religious beliefs, Abe Ribicoff stood before the Senate and spelled out the principles of our country. A feeling that different... ones together and we ought to be proud of those differences that we have bound together in a common spirit and a common purpose, the unity of our nation, the greatness of America, and that's what we're going to restore next year after this election in November. How many of you are ready to put our country back to work?? How many of you are ready to control the runaway inflation that Nixon and Ford brought on us?? How many of you are ready to do that?? How many of you are ready to see our nation with an energy policy... interest clear for a change?? After we finish this rally, I'm going to meet with the Governors of the New England states allway from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, on up to Maine to talk about the neglect of this region of the country and the Ford Nixon Administration. One of the things that has been of a great concern to me is the rapid increase in property taxes. It might be easy for blame it on local officials. That's unfair and it's not right. Whenever you have an administration like the one that you have in Washington which lets the price of everything double.... you can't expect to hold down property taxes ... Richard Nixon in the White House. We were spending less than 3 billion dollars a year on unemployment compensation. This year, under Gerald Ford, we'll spend about 20 billion dollars on unemployment compensation. Welfare costs have doubled and the reason for it is this. The Republican Administration does not believe in letting our people work. This is because of a welfare administration instead of a work administration and we're going to change that next year. Gerald Ford ... vetoes, He's a man that doesn't know how to

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work with the Congress. He's a man that hides in the White House in the Rose Garden and gets his guidance and counsel from lobbyist from Washington. We're going to take him out of the White House in January and put someone in that cares about you. They have not controlled inflation. They have not balanced the budget. It doesn't help us balance the budget when you veto bills that would open up our own government to public scrutiny and strip away the secrecy that surrounds government itself. It doesn't help to veto a series of bills that would have put 2 million Americans back to work. Now I have worked all of my life, most of the time on farms and as a businessman. I never raised my family's budget with a deficit. I never raised my farm budget with a deficit. I was Governor of Georgia for four years and we had a balanced budget... and if I'm elected President, if you'll help me, we're going to put our people back to work, control runaway inflation, meet our legitimate needs, and before this four year administration is over we're going to have a balanced budget for the United States of America. In the last 3 months we've added 500,000 Americans to the unemployment rolls. But the worst part is how it affects human life. It hurts human dignity, it hurts the structure of the family. We've had a 50% increase in unemployment in your own community right here under this administration as a matter of fact unemployment in the last two years has increased 50%. The first election that I remember was in 1932 when Franklin Roosevelt ran against Hoover.....



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Manchester, New Hampshire

Thank you very much, Joe, for that very very kind introduction, particularly for pointing out that I do not speak with lust, I very very much appreciate that. This morning at the State Confederation Convention I just about I was about to say that Tom Mackentire was the best United States Senator in the country when I withdrew that statement because I recognized someone else but humility prevented me from naming his name. To our next Governor, Harry Spontas, who I'll tell you that if any state needs a new Governor, you do and I want to recognize John Durkin, although he's not with us today as you know the Senate was in session until 1:30 this morning, and John was in the middle of one of those fights so I wanted to recognize him absenta and tell you that in this Mackentire--Durkin, you couldn't have a better team representing New Hampshire and you ought to be very very proud of it. I also want to introduce my daughter, Elenior Jane, who's with me this morning and you may well have the best minority leader of any State house except he's so self facing and shy that's hard to get him to speak. If he could overcome that burden, what a great majority leader Chris Spiros is going to be in the next. I'm delighted to be here to lend my support to Joe Mason, he's the kind of new leader that this country needs. Where ever I go, no matter where I am, I find one common theme everywhere and that is a desire that the Americans have for a fresh start and in order to make a fresh start you need the Joe Masons in the United States Congress to help get this country turned around in the direction in which we all want it to go and Carter is going to be the President and we want Joe in there helping us do our work in the Congress. At the Federation Convention this morning I said Ford's campaign reminds me of what my father, who was a minister, once said to me when I was a boy. He said you know in my ministry I've heard many death bed conversions but there is one thing wrong with them and I said what's that and he said and he said that sometimes they get well and he said they almost allways forget about it when they do. Now here's our Republican President, he went out to Yellowstone and he said what this country really needs is more national parks. I know him well, as does Tom, and I went back and looked at the record. You know that the only parks that he has supported in the last eight years is the President

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of South Korea. Then in his acceptance speech he said, we need of medicare that covers all the costs of our Senior Citizens, I went and looked at his record and he voted against medicare as did his running mate. If they would have had their way there wouldn't have been any medicare program and last year in his budget he proposed shifting a billion and one half dollars, of medical costs, from the public treasury on to the backs of our Senior Citizens in higher monthly premiums, higher deductabilities, higher drug costs, a billion and one half dollars upon the poorest of Americans who most of whom are no longer able to earn more money or earn any money sometimes and it just struck me as particularly ironic with that kind of record that he would really be trying to tell the American people that was now his position and if he can get away with that I've got couple of other suggestions. One is, I think John Mitchell ought to go to Harvard Law School and teach a course in legal ethics and Donald Segretty ought to come up here to the University of New Hampshire and teach a course in political ethics because if Ford can get away with that, with his record, then if applies that the people cannot remember the facts and they do as he's going to find out on November 2, they remember very very well. When I got off the plane today, I noticed that it was a little bit nippey and I know about nippeyness I come from Minnesota. If there is any place that nips more then New Hampshire then it's in Minnesota and that brings up a point that I think helps really show the difference between the two tickets. Nothing has shaken this country probabley more in recent years than the energy crisis. When the Arabs imposed their embargo, increased prices 300 percent and threatened to put this economy into a deep recession and a deep inflation at the same time. The reaction of the Republican Administration of this Administration was not to fight back, not to pursue policies in this country that served the whole nation but rather to pursue those policies that the major oil countries wanted. Last year I ask Secretary of Treasury Simmon at a hearing I said I'd feel alot better if I could think of one instance when the President of the United States has disagreed with the

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President of Exxon on energy policies in this country, wheather it's taxes or prices, just one example. (Don't clap yet.) He said many examples. I said I'll just wait not you give me a list and I'll write them down here. That was a year and one half ago and I still haven't heard one example and I say this, the President of Exxon can take care of himself but the President of the United States is suppose to take care of the American people, it's an entirely different job, they've got it confused and noone knows that more than the citizens of New England. Those high prices for energy, the failure to pursue a policy that decently delivered energy here into New England, the special tax that they imposed on heating oil, the two dollar tax they imposed on the top of the Arab prices on imported oil has been a dagger to the heart of the New England economy and has done more to cause this economy to stagger up here than anything you can possible imagine. A Carter and a Mondale ticket will stand up as independent representatives of the public and serve you andnot the people who represents those big oil companies. Well, I was last here when I was running for President and you appauded more today than you did then but in any event I want you to know what I withdrew. I was getting bad advice. I assembled all of the great Minnesota leaders in history all in one room, Harold Stassin, Gene McCarthy, and Hubert Humphrey and I said how do you run for President and they said that there is nothing to it. Stassin said be humble. McCarthy said work hard and Humphrey said keep it short. So I withdrew from the Presidency and very shrewdly I'm back here as nominee as Vice President of the United States. This is a very very important election. New Hampshire is terribley important to us. We should win this state, the issues are with us, jobs, inflation, energy policy, housing, health, the enviroment, all of the issues that most concern all of the marvlous people of this state are with us, not with them, and the record is as clear as it can be. What we need is that little extra effort here that can bring New Hampshire into the Democratic column. This state started Jimmy Carter on his way and he's asked me to tell you that you have one more job to do and that is to elect him and send Joe Mason,

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give us our new Governor, and give us Norm Demores again he's so good, that they had to excuse John Adams to run against him. We'll win this election and you'll be proud of us and we look forward to seeing you all in Washington.

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FROM: FRED SLIGHT

For your information

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..... concerning the meeting that just took place between myself and representatives from the states in the northeastern part of the United States, the New England states, plus the states of New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania, and maybe a couple of more. There were leaders there, not only Governors, but Lt. Governors, and leaders from state administrations and the private sector. There is a special problem in New England. When we have unemployment in the whole country averaging about 7.9 or 8.0%, quite often the unemployment rate in certain states, like Rhode Island, might be 11% or 12%. Here in the heartford region where we are, the unemployment rate is 11%. It has gone up 50% since Mr. Ford became President two years ago...., years even decades to allot federal funding assistance where the need is greatest has sometimes been circumvented by administrative techniques and quite often the need which is greatest in areas of high unemployment has simply not been met. I told the Governors and others who were assembled there, that I thought the nation was ready to make the change, to make sure that housing program funds, funds for better transportation, for recreation, for law enforcement, for health care and education ought to be channeled as specifically as possible in a targeted way so that particular kinds of people who need it most, those who live in getto areas or in other areas that are very poor, communities that are highly impacted and even states where the unemployment rate is extraordinary high compared to the rest of the country. This concept falls into the general title of countercyclical assistance, which means that where the nation sees the need as being greatest in that community or in that industry or that kind of people they receive the most encouragement to put people back to work. The other area that we covered was in the field of energy. We're the only developed nation in the world which does not have a comprehensive long range energy policy and as energy costs have skyrocketed under the Nixon Ford Administration, where their only corrective action has been to raise the price of oil so that consumption would be reduced because people can afford it. It's had a special heavy impact on New England

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When Mr. Ford for instance tried to deregulate the price of oil, when he imposed an import tax on each barrel of oil, 2 or 3 dollars. That was especially difficult for New England and the northeastern part of our country to assimilate because almost all of the oil here is imported either from here or from a distant place in our own country. As you know the future supplies from Canada are now in doubt compared to what they were in the past. So I think a shift toward coal supplies, primarily from the Appalachian region, a research and development effort to make these coal supplies capable of being burned cleanly, and a shift toward solar energy, strict conservation measures would all relieve the pressure on New England and the extormarily energy costs. The average home in New England has had it's heating bill increased about \$100 per year for the last four years, a total of \$400. Electrical power costs have gone up \$30 per home per year and that's on top of the normal increases because of inflation. This is a very serious problem and I think when we do have decisions made in the future about the allocation of federal funds, the corrective action on job supply, to correction of energy mistakes, we ought to have a special attention given to those areas of the country, perticularly the northeastern part for correction of their defects. I've invited the Governors to submit to me, following this session their specific proposals. I would like to respond to those proposals in writing. I have promised them that when I am elected as President that they'll have constant access to me and that local and state officials, for a change, will be involved in the early stages of the drafting of legislation that inpacts on peoples lives who quite often are in need of direct federal help in the field of welfare, in the field of education, in the field of transportation, in the field of health care, in the field of polution control, energy, taxation, care for the elderly. These kind of things ought to be joint decisions made between the President and the Congress on the one hand and the local and state officials on the other. Those are the three basic things that we discussed with the Governors and their representatives

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... and the other point that was made was the advantage which they have already recognized for regional cooperation among leaders of states that have been experiencing special problems. In the southeast, we've done this very effectively and future sights for oil drilling, for oil refinery, and for the location of atomic power plants, and I think this is a great move on the part of the Governors of the Northeastern part of our country and I am, elected President, I intend to be, I 'll work very closely with them in the resolution of these problems and in the answering of these difficult questions. Thank you very much..



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.....political gathering that has ever been assembled in the state of Utah..... it's a great honor for me and I'm grateful to you for it.

The political debates kinda grow on you and I enjoyed the one last night much better than the first one..... and I'm looking forward to the next one.....

this gives the American people a chance not only to make an assessment of the candidates but to also make an assessment of what our country is; and what it might be in the future. My first participation in public affairs was a member of the county school board. I later became chairman of it; I ran for the Georgia Senate to prevent the distruption of the public school system in Georgia when I got to the Georgia Senate and my only request was that I be placed on the education committee. I was Chairman of the University Georgia Committee as a Freshman Senator and helped to write the comprehensive minimum foundation program for the education of Georgia. I have been close to young people. We've had eighteen year olds voting in Georgia since 1945. During the second World War we felt that if a young person was old enough to fight he was also old enough to decide who his political leaders ought to be.....

One of the good programs that we were interested in while I was active in Georgia government was, what we called, Georgia Governor's Honore Program. Every year we select from throughout the state, for competitive examination, the 400 write it--practical students in our state--and during the summer months for eight weeks they go to Wesleyan College campus, in Macon, Georgia, to receive advanced instruction beyond what they would get in high school. One day out of each week's session they set aside for career training, because we want to make sure when those bright young children arrive at the college year that they know what their plans' work ought to be. So we set aside one day and we bring into the college campus our airplane stewardess, school teachers, nurses, doctors, farmers,

engineers, business leaders, lawyers, and when that student meets with them, it is very carefully prepare to make the right decision about their life's work; because when they get to work we don't want to see their brilliant minds wasted, and the tax money wasted, and have that money wasted and they change from one study course to another. I was invited to come in on a banquet session my first year of governor to kinda wrap up that day what they had learned that day about their own career, and the young man they introduced me had done a great deal of research on my background, and he said, we are very proud to have Jimmy Carter come and explain to us how to plan our life's career. He was born in Plains, Georgia, where he finished high school; then he went to Georgia Western College where he finished chemistry; and then he went to Georgia Tech where he studied engineering; and then he went to the U.S. Naval Academy where he received a degree in marine science; then he went to New York Union College to do advanced work in nuclear physics; and now he said he grows <sup>peanuts</sup> for a living and he's here to help us plan our life's career. Well, I never got my audience back until the speech was over, but today I have come to talk with you about two things,.... education and our country. I'm particularly honored to be on the same platform with Senator Sam Ervin; a man who in the time of torment and trial, embarrassment, and shame brought to our country a sense of decency, commitment, unswerving adherence to the Constitution--what it stands for--the Bill of Rights--what it says, / <sup>and</sup> what our country ought to be; and Senator Ervin, I thank you personally for what you did for us..... I am glad to be in Utah because you have a space that has deserved and had admiration of the whole country; you stand No. 1 in the of your citizens who finish high school; you stand No. 1 in all of the 50 states in the length of education that has been received by the adult citizens of your state. You are one of 22 states, along with Georgia, who has passed comprehensive legislation to insure that children get an equal opportunity for education regardless of the wealth of the community in which they live. This

foresight and commitment to the advancement of opportunity and the strengthening of one's mind and heart in the educational process is a great credit to you. We now face a time in the evolution of our country with the concept of education changing. Our nation has sometimes been characterized as the melting pot, because we have so many different kinds of people coming here to live. That's not an accurate description, because a melting pot means that everybody kinda gives up what they used to be and get mixed up altogether and become the same. That's not the way in our country. We are much more easily categorized as a beautiful mosaic with individuals citizens of our country, individual groups of our country, retaining our own self character, of pride in our ethnic background and heritage, our special commitment to our religious principles, but we fit together in a way that lets us work in harmony.... and capitalize on the opportunities that we each individually adopt. This brings out that education, a responsibility to individualize instructions to treat each child as a special person. The philosopher... said .... is an exception and we all know that every human being is an exception, every child in a classroom is an exception. In Georgia we had to deal with this in the last 10 or 15 years because of complete integration of our black and white students in the same classes. We had not known this in generations past but we've weathered that test and it has been very difficult for us but it a source of great pride, the best thing that has ever happened to the South in my lifetime was the passage of the Civil Rights Act and the granting of white people of the chance to vote, to hold a job, to go to school to buy a house and to participate on an equal basis with white people in shaping their own lives, their own destinies, their own futures. My children have always attended public schools, my little girl Amy is in the fourth grade, she gets a good education, about 2/3's of her classmates happen to be black but I think that this is a nother symbol of progress that also presents us with a great challenge because children who come into the classrooms with different backgrounds, different economic status, different opportunities to learn before they get to school, presents a great

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challenge to a teacher and to the educational system. Many children go into the first grade without ever having heard a bedtime story, without ever having seen a book, without ever having heard the English language spoken properly, perhaps not even knowing their own last names. Many in this country as you well know can't speak English at all but they are cramed into classrooms with the same hopes and dreams and aspirations and fears as other children and they must be treated as individuals and whenever public officials can do at the local, state, and federal levels, whatever teachers can do and administrators can do in the educational system to deal with children as individuals different from one another help us have a better chance for all of them in life. We give all children in Georgia free comprehensive test at the fourth grade level to every child in Georgia. If a child can't read and write, we have special remedical programs for them to take them out of their regular classroom and teach them how to read and write before there put back into the competative system of the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th grade because there is nothing that destroys a child more than to sit in a classroom day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year, with other children learning about civics, history, social sciences, Math, English and that child not being able to read and write. We give the children another test, every child in Georgia, at the 7th grade level so that they can prepare to share their own careers upon the opitonal courses in High School and again there is the 11 grade level, all children in Georgia have a comprehensive test given to them to decide what kind of post high school career they should follow. We need in our own country to have a much closer correlation between the analogies of jobs available and the educational process that's given to a person as they prepare to graduate from High School, or Vocotional School, or college course. We have very little oportunity now to have jobs matched with talent. Among young people the unemployment rate is about 20 percent. Among young people that happen to be in a minority group, the unemployment rate is quite often 40 percent . It hurts our whole society in many different ways, in crime escalation, in the breakdown in the family structure, and also in the respect of citizens for our own government.

We've seen a great growth lately in the cost of education. In the last eight years the cost of education has almost doubled but the portion of educational costs paid for by the federal government, the programs of income tax structure has dropped from 10 percent of the total down to about 7 percent of the total. We've also seen a proliferation in federal programs. We now have about 400 different programs at the federal level of government administered by 70 different agencies and we've had kind of a merry go round in Washington recently with the administrators. We've had six different commissioners of education, 3 different secretary's of H.E.W., in the last four years. This matches as you know, three vice presidents, two presidents, with only one election. We need to change this and stabilize our government and approach the future with more confidence. Our country has suffered in many other ways. In the last few years, the people of this nation have been deeply hurt in the aftermath of Vietnam, Cambodia, Chile, Angola, Watergate, C.I.A., F.B.I., our people feel that we've lost something precious. We've lost a standard of morals and ethics, we've lost a commitment of excellence and greatness. We've lost the inspiration of government, we've lost the participation and the openness that lets us control and make decisions for our nation but this is not a permanent aspect of American society, it's a temporary aberration and there is a thrust in politics this year but in the minds and the hearts of million Americans to restore those precious things, tear down the walls that has separated us from our own government, and tap the tremendous strength that exists among the more than 200 million Americans who haven't lost our idealisms, who haven't lost our patriotism, we haven't lost our commitment to strong families, who haven't lost our commitment for the opportunities to stretch our minds and to stretch our hearts and learn about God's earth, to learn about our fellow human beings can only be provided to us in a good comprehensive education system. When we have difficulty in our society, education is much more valuable. We now have 7.9 percent of our people unemployed. In the last two years 2 and 1/2 million have joined the unemployment rolls. In the last three months, 500,000 Americans have become unemployed. This is the worst unemployment record of any developed nation in the world but we need not despair because within us there is still the capability to learn

and to work that's been derived from an education system that hasn't been damaged as have the economic system of our country. We Americans are fair, we don't have a fair tax structure. Our income tax structure is a disgrace to the human race. The surest income to beat that is the income earned from manual labor. There .... to hear the secret loop holes from someone who draws a paycheck every two weeks or a travelers check every two weeks but there are hidden secret loop holes for everyone else. This is not right, it must be changed. In the last reporting period there were 3200 Americans who made over 50,000 a year in income and paid not a nickel in income taxes. There were over 800 Americans who made over 100,000 dollars a year, over 240 Americans who made over 200,000 dollars a year and they paid not a nickel in income taxes. When they don't pay their taxes, you know who pays it for them so we need comprehensive allinclusive income tax reform and that's what we're going to get next year because that's what the American people are ready for. I believe in a competent government and I believe in a compassionate government. I come from a area that is very poor..... I believe in a good welfare system, we don't have one. We now have about 12 million who habitually draw welfare payments. About 1.3 million of those are fully abled to work, there is nothing wrong with them physically, mentally, there not to old or they are not blind, they ought to be removed from the welfare system altogether, placing the responsibility of the labor department, the education department, given job training, if they are offered a job and don't take it, I would not pay them anymore benefits the other 90 percent can't work full time, we ought to treat them with respect, there ought to be a fairly nationwide payment to meet the basic necessarties of life. We ought to have a built in incentive for part time work and we ought to remove the aspect of the law that forces for encourages the father to leave the home or pretend to leave the home. The present welfare system is anti work and anti family, it ought to be changed, it must be changed, next year it's going to be changed. I just want to make one other point, I come from a state in many ways like youown. We are fairly conservative. We believe in hard work. We believe that anybody that is able to work, ought to have a chance to work.

I grew up on a farm. I managed my affairs very carefully. My family budget was kept in balance. When I ran my farm, my farm budget was in balance. I was Governor of Georgia for four years, the budget was balanced and we had a substantial surplus every year. If I'm elected President, and I intend to be, a major commitment of my term will be that before the first four years are finished, the budget of the United States Government is going to be balanced and I am committed to that. I believe that if a choice exist between the government performing a function and a private sector performing that same function, the choice should be for the private sector. I believe that if it's a choice between federal, state, and local governments having responsibilities, the responsibility ought to be placed as nearly as possible to the individual citizen. I believe that if it is a choice between work and welfare, the choice ought to be work and I believe that we ought to meet the legitimate needs of our people in every possible way, we ought to have a minimum of government secrecy, a maximum of respect for personal privacy, this has not been the case of our government in the past and as I pointed out over the debate last night, our foreign policy ought to be one that makes us proud not ashamed, it ought to be predictable, it ought to be honorable, it ought to be truthful, it ought to be compassionate, it ought to be strong. Let me say just one more thing in closing, I don't claim to know all of the answers, I'm just an average American citizen just like you. I've had a good education because I was lucky. My people have lived in Georgia 200 years, 210 years now. No one in my family has had the chance to finish high school before I did, but I had a chance to go to the Naval Academy at public expense and to learn. 21 months ago I began to campaign for President. I didn't hold public office. I didn't have very much money, I had 43,000 to run a Presidential campaign. I didn't have a nationwide campaign organization. Not many people knew who I was. I doubt if one percent of the people in this auditorium had ever heard my name before last January 1975. I come from a small town, 683 population but I and my wife and a few volunteers began to go from one home to another. We would invite everybody from the neighborhood to come in, maybe 3 or 4 people would show up, we'd go to a labor hall maybe 12 people would come so we began to stand in factorship lines and

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livestock sales barns, to go into barber shops and beauty parlors to stand in front of revolving doors, to meet people to talk a little, to learn a lot. I'm proud of this country, I believe in this future. I believe that we have a strength that hasn't been permanently damaged. Our economic strength is the greatest on earth, our system of government is still clean and decent a basis on which we can predicate answers on complicated questions, bind ourselves together, correct our mistakes, and face the future with confidence, standing on our own feet, and never deviating from the principles that we believe so our country is strong but the strength must come from you. I'm running for President, I believe that I'll be elected but it is just as much your country as it is mine and if there are things you don't like about it, if we've made mistakes that you never want to see made again, if they are hopes, dreams, aspirations, in your own lives or in the lives of your children that you would like to be realized I hope this will be a time of testing and commitment even sacrifice for you to help shape the opinions of those who look for you for leadership, to bind ourselves together in the spirit, unselfish yes, idealistic yes, committed to unchanging principles yes, strengthening families yes, we've always seen our country a dependence upon the educational process when changes are required, when the social changes took place in the South it was not the churches, it was not the business structure, it was not the political structure that made those changes, do you know who made the changes, the school teachers. That's what happened and it was made well because in the classroom we not only learn the history of our nation, we not only learn about economics, we not only learn about the beauties of art and music and we not only learn about government, but we learn about each other and as we... let us set a standard for the future. I believe in my country and I hope that you will join with me in the next four weeks, hopefully in the next four years, to tap the tremendous resources of our great nation and to try once again as I said all through the primary years to have a government that is as good and as honest and truthful and fair, and compassionate and as filled with love as are the American people. I believe that we can do it and the time has come for it to be done. Thank you very much and God bless all of you.



Jimmy Carter  
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Democratic Congressional Campaign Dinner  
Century Plaza Hotel  
Los Angeles, CA

..... thank you very much..... it's nice to be back in California.

I was here last night; I've been in Utah today. I've had a very pleasant evening  
..... au ..... these debates kinda grow on you..... It's a pleasure to be with  
Eileen Cranston and John Tunny, Johnston and Jim Coleman, and all the  
great leaders. He represents us in the Congress. I'm going to speak very briefly  
but I wanted to say a few things that we ought to remember.....we're in it together.  
Sometimes we Democrats are inclined to fight each other....and in the process we  
lose what we stand for, and we mark time for four more years and then we lose again.  
In the last twenty-four years we've had Republicans in the White House--sixteen,  
and the country has suffered from it. I'm like Jim Coleman didn't know what was  
going to happen in 1924 and 1928 and 1932. As I said in my Acceptance Speech,  
I've never met a Democratic President; but I've met a lot of people in this  
country who remember them. People in the coal mine area around Pittsburg...where  
the unemployment rate is very high. They recall very vividly what it meant to them;  
when Roosevelt whipped Hoover; and I stood in a steel mill factoryship line with  
Elliott Roosevelt, Jr, and as we shook hands, they ...., sometimes with tears in  
their eyes, said how much .... I am <sup>speaking of</sup> Franklin Roosevelt, Jr., ... how much Franklin  
meant to them.

In the last two years we've added two and half million people to the unemployment  
rolls. We, in this room, almost without exception don't have to worry about unem-  
ployment in our own families...we don't know what it means to be out of job; having  
worked fifteen or twenty years and all of a sudden drawing unemployment compensation  
for six months, or a little longer, and then going home and having to cash the  
first welfare check, but that happens to a lot of families. In the last three months  
500,000 more American families don't have anyone in them with a job. The personal  
aspect of it can only be felt in a campaign, when you leave a cocoon for the  
privilege and pleasure and security and influence and meet those who don't have

those advantages. There is another aspect of our country that has concerned me and it has become vivid in my last two years, and that is those who do make decisions in government very seldom suffer when we make a mistake. We have good health care. Millions of Americans don't. We have ..... our children go to good schools. If we don't like the public schools, we put them in private schools. A lot of people can't do that. We very seldom suffer from an unfair tax structure. A lot of people feel they get cheated, and they do. These kind of things are the responsibility of all politicians, but historically in our country the Democratic Party has been the one who has assumed that responsibility. We make a lot of mistakes. Our mistakes are out in the open. When we give an interview to a magazine..... when the wrong paragraphs are publicized..... everybody knows about it, but my normal day consists of seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven speeches....with questions afterwards; and four or five times a day a cross examination from the news media. So that when I make a mistake in my campaign, everybody knows about the mistake. On the other hand, I'm learning; and I 'm getting close to people and I'm preparing myself to be a better leader of this country than my opponent has had in the White House; and.....au .... he comes out into the Rose Garden two or three times a week and recites a nice memorized speech.....and put/'''' on the news that evening..... or, perhaps, he signs a bill in the Oval Office he's fought for the last two years .... he takes all the credit for it instead of the Congress, but he doesn't vote in the process; and I think the closeness that I and Jim Coleman, and John Tunney, and many others feel to the American People is a source of political strength here, but it is also a source of sound judgment in the future. This country has been deeply wounded in recent years. A lot of people have been turned off; and a lot of people have been alienated from government and politics. A lot of people have said it doesn't matter whether I participate or not. About 50% of our people say I don't care to vote this year. I care enough. I care enough to fight to win in November.... I care enough to fight to see Democratic candidates win to go to

Congress. I care enough to fight to have a well organized, efficient, economical, manageable government. I care enough to fight in the future for a fair tax structure. I care to fight for a welfare system that cares about people and satisfactory work opportunities. I care enough to put our people back to work; and I care enough to control inflation; and I care enough to open government and not have it secret; and I care enough to protect people's private affairs from intrusion of government, and I care enough to strengthen our free enterprise system; and I care enough to have a government to make us proud again. These things are important to us...as powerful, influential people but their much more important to those who look to us for leadership. Last night was typical confrontation between what we stand for and what the Republicans are. The debate was very revealing.

Mr. Ford stood alone. He was making statements about foreign policy, not Mr. Kissenger. What he said outraged our allies, and disturbed people in this country. There's 300,000 Soviet troupes in Eastern Europe, ..., there's two Divisions in Poland; there's three or four Divisions in Czechoslovakia eight years after the Soviet Union promised to remove them; there's fifteen Divisions in Eastern Germany; there now even building an even stronger Berlin Wall....if they tear down the Wall, which way will the people move. Their not free in Eastern Europe. In Hungary there's three Divisions 20-years after the Revolution was snuffed out.

Mr. Ford said he's always been for non-proliferation legislation; the Members of Congress know that's not true. It's been opposed by Administration. Mr. Ford said he's in favor of an end to the disgraceful boycott, but his Administration has moved to stop the revelation of the disgraceful pressure of American businesses who do business with Israel...I would have American Jews on their board of directors, or as owners of companies. These kinds of truths ought to come out in the election; and they change the consciousness of our country.

Another point I'd like to make, we have a tremendous responsibility on us. Sure

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this is the Two Hundredth Anniversary of our country. It's the aftermath of some horrible, disgraceful action in Washington. We need to tear down the wall that separates us from our own government. .... We also need to remember what our country is and what it stands for; and this is a responsibility that I assume as a nominee of our Party with a great deal of assurance and a deep commitment. I hope that all of us will remember that although we come here tonight to support our congressional candidates around the country, that we have an additional responsibility to join in this next four weeks....it's going to be tough....it's going to be a challenge ....it's going to require individual investment of time, influence, intelligence, money; it's going to require unity. It quite often might disturb our own selfish inclinations, and our own individual aspirations....it sometimes is going to require us to yield to what we think is most important for the common good, but this campaign is also going to be one that is gratifying. I don't intend to lose in November. .... I don't intend to see ..... these candidates behind me lose either. .... As I said before....we're all in this together. I still believe along with you that we live in the greatest nation on the earth. I think I know this country. I think I know it better than I did a few years ago when I began my campaign. I didn't hold public office. I didn't have much money....I had \$43,000 in my campaign chest to run for campaign for President. I didn't have much of a campaign organization....not many people knew who I was....maybe 2% of you had heard of my name, if that many. Well, we began to go around the nation and learn. And I learned about the greatness of our country. Although we have been wounded, we have been disappointed, we have been alienated, we have been handled at "arms length"; we have been embarrassed, we have been shamed. We are still strong inherently; economically strongest nation on earth. Our system of government best on earth. Richard Nixon hasn't hurt it. Watergate didn't hurt it. The CIA revelations haven't hurt it; the Vietnam War, the Cambodia War, the Anglo embarrassment, the Chile embarrassment

didn't hurt our system of government. It's still clean and decent...on basis on which we can still predicate answers to complicated questions and correct our mistakes and bind ourselves together and approach the future with confidence; but the greatest resource we have in this country is a 215 Americans ..... 215 million Americans who haven't lost hope; and who haven't lost a vision of what our country can be again. I believe that we can even be greater than we ever were. There's a vacuum now in world leadership....and the rest of the country....rest of the countries in this world, are waiting to see how that vacuum is going to be filled. I'm a physicist and an engineer...and a politician, and when a vacuum exists it's going to be filled and that political vacuum in world leadership is going to be filled by either freedom or slavery, it's going to be filled by hope or despair, it's going to be filled by democracy or dictatorship. I want it to be filled, as I said last night, by freedom and liberty, and equality of opportunity, and simple justice, and a sense of commonality and brotherhood, and common respect and compassion. I want to see it filled by what American People fought. .... As I said many time in my campaign ..... it's not easy to believe in those things, because they don't change. A lot of things change, but those principles don't change....freedom, liberty, equality, truth, brotherhood, compassion, love, .... they don't change, and I hope that I, as a candidate, and I hope that the Democratic Party, can always maintain its commitment to excellence, and to greatness, and to moral standards that have made us great in the past, and it will in the future make us proud of living in what is still the greatest nation on earth. ....

Thank you very much.....

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TO: RON NESSEN

FROM: FRED SLIGHT

For your information

Mr. Carter  
October 7, 1976  
Breakfast  
With California Federation of Labor,  
Sheraton Palace Hotel  
San Francisco

..... Thank you....(applause)....

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Alexander Barken, and to all you great leaders in California who have pledged yourself to help me change this country in the proper direction.....I'm very glad to be with you. I hear that some political changes are being made this morning. I understand that the Polish-Americans are disbanding (laughter) and..... I talked to Vice President Mondale last night.....and it was pretty late .... pretty late, you about ready to go to bed? He said, no, I'm going to find me a Polish bar; the drinks are on the house for all the Democrats (laughter). I think it was a very interesting debate last night. I really enjoyed it. I enjoyed preparing for it. I did a lot of study; and I think that Mr. Ford showed a confusion about our people and about the aspirations of human beings, about human rights, about liberty, about simple justice, that was very damaging to the leadership of our country. For anyone to state that the people in Hungary and Rumania, and East Germany. Free of Soviet domination is ridiculous. If you tore down the Berlin Wall ....which way would the people move? They would move to freedom; and this sense of what freedom is, when the defects in our present government administration is very clear to me--not because I'm wise, or superior, or more intelligent, but because my political strength, and my advice, and my teaching<sup>s</sup>/have all come from the working people of this country, whom we represent in California who<sup>s</sup> principles don't change quickly. These are the people who have ties, ethnic ties, through their ancestors to other countries. They are people who are proud of their heritage and who also are concerned about our own nation's betrail of what our Constitution says and what our country can be. As I pointed out last night, we're the strongest nation on earth economically and it's ridicules that we have about an 8% unemployment rate. Great Britian, which is supposed to be staggering from one crisis to another, has about a 5% unemployment rate; Germany

even less; Italy below 4%, Japan 2.4%. This shows a gross maladministration-- that's bad enough, but it shows a callousness toward human beings who are affected directly. To Mr. Ford and this administration these are just statistics, but to me they represent seven and a half or eight million Americans who want to work and can't work. And our country is strong enough and able enough, and we had the resources in hopes, and the need, for products and homes to put our people back to work. I've just been handed a memorandum that the last wholesale price index announced today is up nine-tenth of one percent in one month, which is a ten point eight percent inflation rate at the wholesale level for this period for a year. When that's transmitted into retail prices, it'll probably be higher. And, we've had times in the past when we've had unemployment and low inflation; we've had times in the past when there was high inflation, low unemployment; but this Republican Administration is the first one that has ever been able to give us the highest unemployment rate and the highest inflation rate combined in the two hundred years in our nation's history. That's got to be changed next January 20 and it's gonna be changed. This campaign is not going to be an easy one. As I said immediately after the Democratic Convention when we had a greatly magnified rating in the public opinion polls, about 60%, and the Republican Party was so divided I said that we ought not to take a single state for granted or a single voter for granted. It's a betrayal for what we stand for if we don't look on each American citizen as being important. We've got along way to go. We've only got about 4 weeks to do it in. The latest indication in California is about a 6 or 8% advantage for us but this can very well be disapiated because of apathy and this is where you come in. I have exactly the same amount of money to spend as Mr. Ford. I'm traveling day and night while he's hiding in the White House. We're spending our money on airplanes, staff members. We're spending our money on organizational structures. He's saving his money for a television blitz. As you know he has no contact with the people of this country. He hasn't had a press conference where he could be cross-examined in over a month. The only press conference that he's had was an impromptu meeting with a few White House correspondants where he refused to let



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sound be used. We are spending money in the right way, to keep me in constant touch with the people in this country and the news media. Sometimes we make mistakes and those mistakes are magnified but that's the way that I have always run my campaign. I've made alot of mistakes in the primary season. I think there was a general long range realization that's part of the Democratic Party Primary Process and part of the American Process. I derive my strength from you and from people who look to but the overall budget for this campaign is exactly the same. The Republicans will probably have an advantage in advertising. We have the same basic organizational structure. Mr. Ford has a great respect for the White House. His caution will probably avoid some mistakes that he would ordinarily make, he made alot of them last night..... but the difference in the campaign is you and people who look to you to guide them and to aspire them and to encourage them and lead them to participate. Now I can understand how an average American father or an average American mother could be discusted with the political process after living through eight years of Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford but I hope that you will help me in this next four weeks to encourage them to realize that we can change what we have now, we can correct our mistakes, we can put our people back together, we can hold down inflation, we can start construction programs again, we can give our people a good health care system, we can completely revise the income tax structure to make it fair for a change, we can make our government efficient effective, well organized, well managed, open, strip away secrecy, we can give our people a good transportation system, a good energy policy, we can correlate the conflicts between economic growth and enviromental quality, we can have a good agriculture policy, we can have a strong merchant Marines, a strong defense, we can have an open relationship with foreign countries to expand trade, all of these things are not only possible but they're going to come and all that we need to do is to tap the tremendous resources that exist in the minds and hearts of the American people. That's what our country wants, that's what our country can have, that's what our country is going to have. I know all of you agree with me that it's time for a change in Washington. If you'll help me, John Turn and all of the other Democrats on November 2, then we'll help you on November 20 to ki

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Gerald Ford out of the White House and put the people back in control of this country, to open our government, to put our people back to work, to control inflation, to give us once again a sense that we still live in the greatest country on earth. That's what we have, that's what we need, and if we can tap what's in us and let that be our country. We can all be proud, once again, of each other. Thank you very much for letting me be here.

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How many of you watched the debate the night before last??? I thought it was a good debate, I really enjoyed it, ...common sense and knowledge on the part of the President when he doesn't have someone else to speak for him. Now one of the reasons for our campaign is so that the candidates for President can present themselves to the American people for crossexamination, to learn about us, to see how we feel on major issues, and to slate our position when it's contraversal or in conflict. Mr. Ford is hiding from the American people. He comes out of the White House two or three times a week into the Rose Garden to recite a memorized 90 second speech and goes back and hides again. Sometimes he sits in the Oval Office and signes a bill and takes credit for legislation that he has fought against for the last two years. This is very serious. It's not funny. Mr. Ford has not had a formal news conference since February, the last time that he had an impromptu news conference with a few reporters, he refused to let his voice be recorded. He stated in that brief news conference and I quote, No campaign money was ever given to me or used by me personally. It has now been reported that an I.R.S. report states that campaign money was used to buy clothes for Mr. Ford and his family and to pay for vacation trip to Vel. The I.R.S. also reported that Mr. Ford had ... his whole personal expense ... on \$5.00 a week from his own income. There seems to be a decreptency here somewhere. During the Debate, the night before last, Mr. Ford said and I quote again, "there is no Soviet Domination of Eastern Europe. He then replied that Ugilsovy, Chez. Rumania, and Poland, and he said, each of these countries are independant ocomaties. Apparently when Mr. Ford went to Poland as happened to George Ramey, he was brainwashed. The Berlin Wall is still there. There are 20 Soviet divisions and 300,000 troupes in Eastern Europe. There seems to be a discrepency here somewhere. Mr. Ford said in the debate that he has been struggling for the last twelve months to acquire a commitment on the non-prolifatio of atomic power and weapons around the country. His own Republican Senator, Charles Purcey, Democratic Senator Ribicoff, and John Glenn and many others have been trying for a long time to pass non-prolifation legislation in the Congress. Mr. Ford and his

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administration has tried to block the legislation for a long time again there seems to be a decrepte here somewhere. During the debate Mr. Ford also said that his administration went to Capitol Hill to convince the Congress to act to stop the disgraceful boycott against American businesses who do business with Israel or who even have American Jews on Boards of Directors of those countries. He and his administration officials did everything possible to block anti-boycott legislation. His own Secretary of Commerce, Rogers Morton, for the first time in the history of our country had to be subpoenaed by the Congress for a explanation. That is disgraceful,... there seems to be a discrptency here somewhere. Finally Mr. Ford said further on the boycott, "because the Congress failed to act,tomorrow in the Dept. of Commerence will disclose those companies that listened that have participated in the Arab boycott". Now there is something that we can do, the Congress failed to do it and we intend to do it". Now the Sect. of Commerence has failed to take this action and has stated that he has no intentions of doing so. Now Mr. Ford has an obligation to the American people to answer these questions and many others. He has an obligation to the news media to have a chance to be cross examined..... He has an obligation to be truthful and frank in displaying these apparent discrptencies. I don't know what the facts are about Mr. Ford and his income tax. He does. All he has to do is to hold a press conference and let his voice be recorded for a change and answer the tough questions for the American News Media on the boycott, on how he really feels about the people in Eastern Europe who lost their freedom and has Mr. Ford denied that they are not free. He has an obligaration to face the American people day in and day out and let his attitudes be known. I like campaigning. I like speaking to people like you. I like answering questions from the news media. Sometimes I make mistakes, when I make mistakes all of you know about them. When I'm President I'm sure that I'm going to make mistakes but my mistakes will be known and they will be admitted and they'll be mistakes from the heart. I derive my strength from people like you, all over the country, even when I had very few friends they had confidence in me.... I believe that we have a great country. Our economic

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strength is second to none. Our system of government is the best on earth. Mr. Nixon didn't hurt our system of government, Watergate didn't hurt our system of government, even the war in Cambodia that Nixon started didn't hurt our system of government, even the unemployment rate the inflation rate haven't hurt our system of government under Mr. Ford. Our system is still clean and decent....and face the future with confidence in ourselves in our nation, and I believe that together in November that you remember that it is still your country and that you have an obligation to participate in the next political process, if you can join with me and your Governor, and your members of Congress, and your great Senator and others, and let us have unity in our country, get the Republicans out of the White House, have some cooperation for a change then we can do what we ought to have done a long time ago and restore the government back to the people, strip away the secrecy, answer the questions, let the government be yours for a change. How many of you believe.....

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Congressman White. I want to thank all of you for coming out this afternoon to be with me. Will you help me in November. This is an election that will be very important for our country. We remember back in 1932 when Franklin Roosevelt ran against Hoover and Hoover said that the government could not do anything to give us jobs but Franklin Roosevelt helped us then. He not only gave us jobs but he have us a mininum wage law that paid adults 25¢ an hour to work with their hands. The Republicans opposed this bill. Franklin Roosevelt cared about elderly people and thought they ought to have security in their old age. He put forth the idea of social security. There were 95 Republicans in the House of Representatives. Ninty Four of them voted against social security. Later we ought to have good health care. Finally under the administration of Lyndon Johnson we had a medicare bill. Gerald Ford voted against medicare. Gerald Ford voted seven times against mininum wages and now we have seen under his administration a horrible damage to our country. I believe in work instead of welfare but this has become a welfare administration. We've doubled the number of people on welfare in the last eight years. We have seven times more taxpayer's money spent for unemployment compensation than we did when Richard Nixon went into the White House. We've had inflation costs go very high. Last month we reached the double digit inflation figure again, almost 11% inflation. I believe in tough competent management. I've worked all of my life. My own family has always been farmers. We've lived in Georgia 210 years. Nobody in my father's family ever finished High School before I did and I have seen in my own family a balanced budget. When I ran my farm I had a balanced budget. When we had a small business, my budget was balanced. I was Governor of Georgia for four years, the budget was balanced and we had a surplus. If I'm elected Presdient, and I intend to be, before my first term is over we're going to have a balanced budget for the United States of America. Now alot of people claim that you can't have a balanced budget and also meet our people's needs. This is not the case. Harry Truman met the people's needs, he was in office seven years. He didn't have a average deficit. He had an average surplus of 2 billion dollars. When President Johnson went out of office and Richard



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Nixon went in office he had a balanced budget given to him by President Johnson but last year under President Ford we had a 65 billion dollar deficit. The worst in the history of our country and more than all of the deficits put together by President Johnson and President Kennedy. We need tough management but the only way that we'll have an end to the inflationary spiral is to have Americans go back to work. I believe that it's time for us to have our people jobs again, what do you think about that??? We also need to have a fair income tax structure. The present tax structure is a disgrace. The surest income to be taxed is the income earned from manual labor. For someone who draws a paycheck every two weeks, or retirement check every two weeks, there are not any hidden secret loop holes. But there are hidden secret loop holes for everyone else. In the last reporting period which was 1974 we had 3200 people in this country that made over 50,000 dollars income in one year and paid not a nickel in income taxes. We had over 800 that made over 100,000 dollars a year, 244 made over 200,000 dollars income in one year and paid not a nickel in income taxes when those people don't pay their income taxes, do you know who pays the taxes for them?? You do. If I'm elected President, and I intend to be, we're going to have a comprehensive reform of the income tax laws to make them fair for a change. You can depend on that to. Since Mr. Ford went into the White House, we've had two and one half million Americans who have gone on the unemployment rolls, two and one half million. That's more than the ... people that live in the State of Kansas or the State of South Carolina, or Oklahoma. In the last three months we've had 500,000 Americans that have gone on the unemployment rolls. Last year alone we had two and one half million families in this country who's ... went below the poverty level. Now those figures sound very bad, and they are bad but what's worse is the impact on a human beings life. When some man or woman has had a job for 15 or 20 years, eager to work, and then loses that job. For a while they go on unemployment compensation as you know and then just think about how those people feel the first time they stand in a welfare line and draw a welfare check. It tends to destroy a person's self respect if they are able bodied and are unable to work. It also tends to tear families apart from one from another and

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it weakens our whole nation. This has got to be corrected. We still have the strongest nation on earth. It is not necessary to have eight percent unemployment. Our unemployment rate is higher than it is in Great Britian, it's higher than it is in Germany, it's twice as high as in Japan and Italy, it's four times as high as it is in Japan simply because Gerald Ford has not worked to put our people back to work. He's only interested in one job and he's going to be unemployed in January 20. We're a strong country. In the last 21 months I have been campaigning around this nation into Texas often. When I began my campaign for President I was just like you. I didn't hold public office. I didn't have very much money. I didn't have a nationwide campaign organization. Not many people knew who I was. I lived in a little town that only had a population of 683. My wife and I and a few volunteers began campaigning just like you would if you were running for President. We went into peoples homes all over the neighborhood, we'd go into labor halls, maybe 10 or 12 people would come, so we stood in factorship lines and went to livestock sales barns, we stood in from of revolving doors in front of shopping centers, walked up and down the streets, to shake hands with people, talk a little, and to listen alot. I've learned a great deal about this country and I know that we are weak by Ford and Nixon's policies, but our country is still very very strong. Economically, we're the strongest nation on earth. Our system of government is still the best of any nation. Richard Nixon hasn't hurt our system of government. Watergate didn't hurt our system of government. Cambodia, Vietnam, Chile, Packison didn't hurt our system of government. Even the C.I.A. revolutions and the F.B.I. disgrace didn't hurt our system of government. It is still the best on earth. It is a basis on which we can predicate answers to complicated questions. We can correct our mistakes. We can bind ourselves together and we can approach the future with confidence. We also have a great resource in our 250 billion American people. They are still eager to work, who are still intelligent, who care for one another. We believe in brotherhood and sisterhood and we believe in compassionate and understanding. We believe in the closeness that binds people together. The unity the strength, the idealism, the patriosm,





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of American people is still waiting to be tapped. I want to see our nation once again be a great country. We've lost the spirit that used to make us great and we've lost the confidence in the future brought about by the terrible mistakes of the Ford Nixon Administration. Now Mr. Ford hasn't changed anything in the White House since Nixon left. He's still got the same advisors on foreign policy. In the defense department, he's still got the same advisors. In the commerce department, in economics, in the treasury dept. It was only recently that we had a blessing of having changed the Sect. of Agriculture. I'm glad Mr. Butz is gone. But we've still got the same basic Nixon Administration under Mr. Ford. There is one way to change that and that is in the election on November 2. You help me on November 2, we'll change administrations right next January and you can depend on that too. I want to say just two more things. The first one is this. The campaign is a time to learn. It's a time for you to learn about me. It's a time for me to learn about you. Now I've had an open campaign, five, six, sometimes eleven times a day I make a speech. I've had eight news interviews in the last 3 hours. Mr. Ford is hiding. He comes out of the White House two or three times a week in the Rose Garden. He memorizes a 90 second speech. He goes back into the White House and hides. .... and he'll sign a bill and claim credit for it even though for two years he worked against the bill and tried to kill it and then he hides again. We had a secret, private, administration under Richard Nixon. There has been one change. We still have a secret private administration but it's under Gerald Ford. That's the only change. Within the last few days, did anybody see the debate the other night??, I thought it was a great debate, but it contributed to the confusion of the American people. Now the last time Mr. Ford had a press conference, he had it on an inpromtu basis with just a few reporters. He would not let them record his voice. But he said at that press conference, "I have never used any campaign contributions for my own personal benefit." Yesterday the Wall Street Journal reproted an I.R.S. statement that Mr. Ford did indeed use campaign contributions to buy clothing, and to pay for a \$1100.00 vacation to Val Colerado. Now I don't know what's right or what's truthful but I do know that this creates the image



of a discrepency and Mr. Ford is the only one that can answer the question. He can do it by having an open White House News Conference, he hasn't had one since February, and let himself be cross--examined by his own tax...just between him and I.R.S. but he's the only one that can answer the question. The other night on the debate, Mr. Ford said, the Soviet Union does not control or dominate the countries in Eastern Europe. He said that Poland, Czech., Hungary are plainly independant and... now the Soviet Union has 300,000 troops in Eastern Europe, 20 divisions. This is an apparent contradiction. I think Mr. Ford got brainwashed by Rameney ... on this last trip but here again nobody can understnad what Mr. Ford was trying to say as long as he hides, Mr. Ford also said that his administration was working to stop the boycott, the Arab boycott, against American businesses who do trade with Israel, who have American Jews on their board of directors. Mr. Ford actually tried every way he could to block anti-boycott legislation. He also said on the debate if you heard it that we are going to direct the Dept. of Commerce tomorrow he said to reveal the names of all of the businesses who have cooperated with the boycott. Yesterday the Sect. of Commerce said that he was not going to do that and he has no intention of doing it in the future. Now there again is an obvious deceptency. Nobody can resolve those discrepencies expect Mr. Ford and as long as he hides it will not be done. I hope that the American people and the American news media will demand that Mr. Ford will come out of hiding and let the American people know how he stands on these and many other issues. In closing I want to say this, I happen to be a farmer. I grow peanuts for a living... and I have seen the devastating blows that have been delivered to American farmers and ranchers by the Nixon, Ford, and Butz administration. Those who grow cattle now are losing \$50 to \$100 every any cow they try to produce. One of the things that we must do is to have a comprehensive and predictable agriculture policy. We haven't had it under Mr. Butz. .... controls what's best for the American farm family and the American ranch family is exactly what's best for the consumer. We need to tighten up on import quotas of beef coming into this country. The Ford Administration has exceeded the number of import quotas by about 10 percent and they have also permitted additional beef .... and be processed and brought

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into this country. Now we need maximum production. We need maximum exports. We need to protect our farmers from unwarranted imports. We need to protect our agriculture policy. We need to restore the kind of leadership in Washington once again that let's farmers and ranchers have a voice in shaping policies that affects their lives. We have not had a President in the White House who was a farmer since Thomas Jefferson. I think it's time we had another one and if you'll help me we'll have another one in January. Now, in closing let me say that I need your help. I don't claim to know all of the answers, nobody could. But I do know this, although I'm running for President, it's just as much your country as it is mine..... If you have been embarassed by your own government, if you want to tear down that wall that seperates us from Washington, .... and stop government intrusion in our own private lives, if you want to put our people back to work, control inflation, and stop the runaway deficits, if you want to see tough management of government and not gross waste continue, if you want to have an agricultural policy that will help farmers and consumers, if you want to bind ourselves together in a spirit of unity and restore those precious concepts of what our nation ought to be, I hope that you'll join me, and Cong. White, and the Demo. Candidates in November, participate as a citizen of this country because it's just as much your country as it is mine, and if you think it's time for a change in Washington, than next January you and I and ..... altogether will make a change and restore the greatness of our country and let us prove to our own selves and the nations around the world that we still live in the greatest nation on earth and we can work well with our neighbors to the south in Mexico, north in Canada... and be strong and proud once again. You help me and I'll help you. Thank you very much..