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Thank you very much. First of all I want to thank my good friend, Miller Woodcock, for reading that very decerning and completely objective analysis of the election this year. I don't always agree what the New York Times says but my opinion of them has been increased greatly by them in the last few minutes. I think it is a time for leadership and I want to recognize before I start, Chairman McDonald, Mayor Young, who has been a friend of mine for a long time, Att. General Frank Kelley, Richard Austin who is the Sect. of State who is a very fine leader and Governor Williams, thank you where ever you are. Someone told me that he would be here. I think that all of you realize that for all of us in this nation Detroit has a special meaning because automobilies and progress and intellectual application to industrial advancement is a part of the American consciousness. We have a nation that is strong. Economically we have not been damaged in recent years. God blessed us with broad fields and pure streams, pure air, access to the ocean, tremendous mineral deposits, and an inquistive frame of mind that constantly probes for ways to be leaders in our own circle, however small or large those circles might be. As a scientists myself, as a nuclear engineer myself, as one who has served in the Navy and who started my own private business and who has been in local and state government I've seen the hopes of our country and I have also seen the disappointments in recent years. We have the highest unemployment rate of any developed nation in the world, higher than it is in Great Britian, higher than in West Germany, twice as high as in Italy, three or four times as high as Japan, this is not constant with the basic strength that we have and there is something wrong somewhere. The unemployemtn rate is matched strangely enough in this era with a very high inflation rate. According to the September figures, the whole sale price index went back into the double digit inflation era. This is the first time in the history of our country that we've had a

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combination of the two and at the same time the needs of our people are not being met. Last year, as a businessman I was horrified to see our nation experience the highest deficit in the history of our country, 65 billion dollars, a higher deficit than all eight years of President Johnson and President Kennedy put together. In the last eight years since Richard Nixon went into the White House, the deficit has been as great as the 192 other years of our nations existance. Tough competant business like management is absent and this creates terrible statistics but it also creates a devastating blow to the human character of the American people. Communities, families, individual persons, today, I want to talk about a special subject, one of crime. It's hard to equate our commitment to criminal justice, a peaceful society, the protection of one another, the basic goodness of the American people, with what has occured and what is occuring in our country. As is the case with unemployment and inflation and deficits and a loss of spirit, the high and growing crime rate is not inevitable in our great nation. The time has come to declare that crime is unacceptable in our nation and to harness the combined resources of all government agencies,, All government agencies and all private efforts to achieve an orderly society. The purpose of our system of law is to ensure justice but first it must permit our people to live in safety in our homes on our streets, in our places of education and business and meeting places and places of worship. Eight years ago the Republicans ran a campaign on a platform of law and order. President Nixon promised that he would wage a war against crime but he didn't keep that promise. In eight years of Republican rule serious crimes have gone up 58 percent since Mr, Nixon went out of office two years ago 27 percent in increase in reported serious crimes in the United States. At the current rate burglaries take place on the average of every 10 seconds. There are 7 rapes every hour. Dinner time this meeting occurs today, 180 building will be broken into around the

country, 20 people will be robbed and somewhere in our nation one person will be murdered. Gangs of teenage criminals have become a major threat in many of our cities. There are as many as 2500 of these gangs with 80,000 members in our four largest cities alone. In Los Angeles there were 112 gang related murders last year and here in Detroit you have seen the way these gangs can bring anarchy to portions of a great city. We must remember the crime and a lack of justice are especially cruel to those who are least able to protect themselves. Last month in New York an elderly couple, immigrants from Germany, hanged themselves to escape the constant harrassment of teenage criminals. Restoring order to a society is not a question of liberal vs conservative or Republican vs Democrat or black vs white or rich vs poor, it's a question of leadership. Recently we saw another example of failure of leadership in this Republican administration. Two weeks ago in Miami Mr. Ford made a speech for the Police Officers of our country and he promised that he would start, listen to this, 100 day war against crime, next January, if he's elected to another term. Mr. Ford has already been in office 800 days there are 100 days left before January 20, 1977, he has no plan. If he wants to reduce crime, why wait until next January to start his crusade? The Republicans showplace agency has been the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. Now the concept of Federal assistance to State and local anti-crime forces is a good one but waste, poor coordination, and wide spread mismanagement has enabled us to spend \$5.2 billion dollars in taxpayers money while making almost no contribution to actually reducing crime. The L.E.A.A. has done nothing about youth gangs, it's done little to assist our over crowded courts, which is the bottleneck of our system of criminal justice. Instead, and this is typical of the Washington administration, it has spent it's money on wasteful unnecessary programs and equipments. A testing program costing 1 and 1/2 million dollars concluded that certain light weight vests would not stop bullets but the L.E.A.A. bought 3000 of the vests for policemen to use. The L.E.A.A. has

developed experimental police cars. They cost 49,000 each which police find completely impracticable to use. In one city the L.E.A.A. provided several helicopters but the city was unable to maintain and today the Police Officers in that city ride in a helicopter owned and operated by a local television station. As President, I will stop the waste of dollars in the L.E.A.A. Program. The Republicans have also tragically set an example not of respect of the law but of violation of the law, unprecendated in the 200 year history of our country. The Att. General of the United States should be the highest symbol of honest impartial administration of the law but two Republican Att. Generals in the last eight years have been convicted of serious criminal acts. The F.B.I., formerly the superlative professional creditonals has been shaken and demoralized by accusations of illegal conduct and by efforts by the White House to use the F.B.I. for political ends. The Drug Enforcement Agency created in 1973 with a great deal of fanfair has already been tainted by scandels that recently forced its Director to resign. Our overcrowded court system is now a major cause of crime. Career criminals take advantage of this system often committing additional crimes and terrorising while they are out on bail. In Washington D.C., according to a recent study 1/3 of the people arrested for robbery were out on bail were out on bail from previous arrests. In Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, 60 percent of those convicted for a second felony affense served no time in prison at all. In our overcrowded court system, 90 percent of all cases do not go to try but are desposed through plea bargaining and for each 100 serious crimes reported to police, and this is only about 1/2 of the total crimes, only 2 people ever serve a day in jail. While the L.E.A.A. has been spending billions of dollars on ineffective equipment, only 6 percent of it's funds have gone to our overburdened courts. Now we should give local police encouragement to provide priority to violent crimes, assault, robbery, rape,

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muggings, murders, this can be done. When I was Governor of Georgia we stopped treating alcoholism as a crime, provided increase medical help for them and to free our police and our courts to concentrate on violent crimes. I visited Georgia's prisons, many times. I talked to the inmates there and to learn about what their problems were and what we could do to help them. We would find black people and white people there. We would find well educated people and illiterate people. 35 percent of all of the inmates of our prisons, perhaps you, are mentally retarded. We would find old people and young people. We would find poor people but we don't find any rich people. The corporate criminal, the white collar criminal, too often, get off with a slap of the wrist. This can only cause contempt for the whole concept of equal justice. White collar crimes cost this nation about 40 billion dollars every year, yet there has not been a single felony indictment for price fixing since Mr. Ford took office. Every time a person goes back to prison as a repeat offender, it's another sign that our prisons have failed. I believe that we can reduce the percentage of failures at the same time reduce the amount of crime. .... have shown and this is obvious to us all that the absence of a strong family is the greatest single factor in the increasing incidence of juvenile delinquency. Teenage gangs have grown in strength as the family has lost its strength. Many young people look on the gangs as a second or substitute family. I think that every policy of our government, welfare, taxation, health, education, transportation, housing, urban renewal, should be designed to encourage strong stable families and strong neighborhoods. There is no excuse for crime. There is no excuse for crime. Not unemployment or poor housing, or urban decay, but I do not think that it is a coincidence that in our largest cities where up to 40 percent of the young people are unemployed that crimes committed by young people jumps more than 10 percent last year. 75 percent of all serious crimes are now committed by people

under 25 years old. Along with strict law enforcement we must find ways to improve vocational education, public incentives for job training, and urban renewal projects model us on the Civilean Conservation Corps that we new in the depression years to channel young people into jobs. You put the most law abiding young person 18 years old on the streets for a week two weeks, three weeks, and have them to be unable to find a job and they almost ineviabile turn to shop lifting, breaking into cars, participating in a numbers racket, pushing drugs, prostitution. Unemployment is not an excuse for crime but it's a major cause of crime. Drugs, indirectly or directly, are a major factor in our crime problem. Mr. Ford's lack of interest is shown by the fact that his cabinet level committee on International Narc. Control has not met once since he became President. I intend to consolidate the three overlapping cabinet level committies dealing with Drug Abuse and Control into one and I will personally see to it that they function properly. Meanwhile the Drug Enforcement Administrati has become a administrative nightmare. Mr. Ford left it for 6 months without even appointing an administrator. Mr. Ford has likewise has left the highly effective narc. tax program wither on the vine. I intend to revive the program to catch drug dealers through tax evasion indictments. I will not accept the ineviatability of higher and higher crime rate anymore than I will the higher and higher incidents of inflation or unemployment. Now immediate action must be taken and I hope that everybody here who's a leader in any way will listen to this list of things that a practiable and it can be done, you need not wait until Jan. 20, when I become President to do these things. I've served four years as a Governor. I've served as a School Board Member in the county where the school board is a major responsibility for control of juvenile delenquency. I've raised three boys. I've lived among poor people. I've campaigned around this country for 22 months and this is accumlative advice that I have for you, it an accunlative committment that I make to you as the next President of this

country. First of all we must keep the Att., General, the F.B.I., and the I.R.S. out of politics for a change. Secondly, we must appoint judges and United States attorneys strictly on the basis of merit and not as a cheap political payoff. I was Governor of Georgia for four years. We had 7 Supreme Court Justices and I appointed 5 of them. I appointed half of the Courts of Appeals judges and about 35 percent of all of the trial judges in Georgia. I never made the first appointment on a political basis. In every instance I was given a name of the five most qualified people in the State to serve in those positions and I always chosen either the first or second name on the list. This ought to be done in a Federal level and If I'm elected President it will be done. The third thing is that we must eliminate our double standard of justice. One for the average citizens who go to jail and the other for big shot criminals who go free. We must make sentencing swift and sure and more uniformed for a given crime. Again in Georgia, we established while I was Governor automatic sentence review. Every time a judge gives a serious sentence, five years or more, it's automatically reviewed by a three judge panel of its peers to make sure that the sentencing in uniformed around our country around our state for the same crime. We must make target law enforcement assistance on court reform programs which permit swift crimes,, especially for career criminals who most often abuse the right to bail. Again, when I was elected President, we had a man who was a drug pusher who had been arrested 52 times, he had been convicted 27 times, he had never spent a day in jail. Finally, a young man died in that criminal home from an overdose of heroin and he finally went to prison. That's the kind of ineffective law enforcement and court system that we ought to correct. We must provide more help for our courts to ensure better administration and to simplify their procedures. We established in Georgia an unified Court System with administrative offices and quite often even the



lawyer who becomes a judge has very little experience in actual administration of a business or a court. Trials are delayed, witnesses are called when they are not needed, jurors get discouraged and witnesses fritter away over a period of time. That can be corrected. We must permit law enforcement agencies to concentrate on serious and violent crimes. It's quite often easy for police officers and others to concentrate on the easiest crimes but all this trust of our law enforcement agency affect should be orientated toward those crimes that are most damaging to a person's life or property. We must concentrate law enforcement efforts more in high crime neighborhoods. This is a simple thing. But quite often because of the influence of powerful and wealthy people, this is not done. The most prevalent victims of a crime are the poor. The most prevalent perpetrators of crime are the poor. Those who suffer most from unemployment, inadequate housing, inadequate health, inadequate education of the poor and the law enforcement effort should be concentrated in those poor neighborhoods. We also must be sure that neighborhoods can organize themselves to cooperate with law enforcement officers and to assist in crime control efforts. In some cities this is already being done, perhaps in yours, I don't know but there is an effort by the local officials, state officials, federal officials, among families who live there, calling a meeting and saying what can we do with each other to hold down crime in your neighborhoods. There are some ethnic neighborhoods in this country where the crime rate is practically zero because they help police officers, they work with police officers to hold down crime that might attack their own families. We can recruit law enforcement apprentices and aids and volunteer citizens to help with controlling crime and with pardon and parole supervision. We'll never be able to hire enough policemen, parole officers, we'll never be able to hire enough to supervise probation. But we can get a strong good member of a lions club or a church or a member of the pilot club to volunteer

to take on probationer or one parolee and visit that persons home and try to get him a job, show an interest in him, let him feel that he has some role to play in society. This has not been done. Many of our unemployed young people, with a minumum of salary payments can become aids to police officers, they might very well be former leaders or members of a gang, but if they start working with police, in cooperation with police, they can not only help but learn in the process. This is a simple thing but important. We must provide better street lighting and better recreation opportunities in areas where juvenile crime rates are high. I have been in many cities where the local people told me this corner has more crime than anyother place in our neighborhood and it will likely be the darkest cornor in the whole city. A simple matter of illumination will hold down the incidences of crime. We must reform our prisons and carefully plan every inmates prison career to maxiumize the effect of rehabilitation programs. Again, we do this in Georgia now. Whe somebody comes to our prisions for three years, five years, seven years or more we work with that person to begin with. We give them psycho analysis. We decide if they have or have not a .... home or a drug problem or a alcholic problem and we start planning for them what you will do at the end of a year, two years, five years, so that when they do reach the time of parole consideration, they are well on their way toward rehabilitation. We also must coordinate and escalate our efforts to control the illisit traffic in drugs, Special cooperation with Mexico for instance is necessary to reduce the sources of herion. I think the new President of Mexico, Mr...., and I will be eager to work together with inferred photography you can identify the poppy fields and the hills and mountains in Mexico. 90 percent of all of the heroin that comes into our country now comes across the Mexican border but we still have an inadequate cooperation among law enforcement agencies on both sides, kill the poppy fields and to stop the flow of drugs at the border when quite often it's too late. ——— SEE NEXT PAGE

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All government programs must be constantly assessed to strengthen American families and neighborhoods. This is important to, nation efforts by the news media, educators, public officials, private organizations, must be sustained to publized the methods of preventing and combating crime.

Just public education spots telling people how to lock there car, how to lock there homes, turn out the lights, not let newspapers accumlate on the front porch which tells robbers that they are not home. Simple things can help a great deal. We must back our law enforcement officers. Give them adequate pay and training and insure cooperation among the different law enforcement agencies in our country. Quite often law enforcement officers have their lives on the line to protect us and whenever there is a newspaper editor or critical comment on television or radio or some public official

*CASTIGATES* police officers it tears down the respect that citizens ought to have for them. Now I know that sometimes police officers sometimes make mistakes so do I, so do you, but we ought to show the world that we back our police officers. Presidential leadership could make a difference. Your leadership could make a difference. We can have a stronger economy and more jobs for our people and this will lessen crime. I think our country's leaders beginning with the President can set an example and set a tone that would increase respect for the law and increase a sense of national unity and personal pride that can lessen crime in America. Crime reflects sickness in a family, a neighborhood, a community, or a nation. I think that working together we can make ours a more healthy society and one in which we need no live our lives in fear. I intend as President to provide that strong leadership that will turn the tide against the scruge of crime. I ask your help in this great undertaking that can be successful. Thank you very much.

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Governor Quey and Chairman Harrington, Vice Chariman Mr. Rhodes, other names, my good friend Pat Moynihan , 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 Syracruse 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 Murial. He said if I could find him a place in the program that he would com 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 recouperate 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 stereotypes and if I 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....too 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 incompetant 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 Moyhanian to help me as we put these ideals into effect in Washington. Also our national foreign policy dialogue has been too often destroyed by cliches and polarization. The current word in foreign policy has been soft and tough. We have suffered enough in this country because some President and his advisors have felt it necessary to prove their supposed toughness by their sometimes rash and ultimately tragic policy. It's time for our foreign policy to consider itself with real wisdom rather than image toughness. A strong nation, like a strong person, can afford to be gentle, firm, thoughtful, and restrained. It can afford to extend a helping hand to others. It's a weak nation, like a weak person, that loves to hold its bluster, 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 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 MIRVed atomic weapons which our

agreement, are now being carefully matched by the Soviet Union. Will we be anymore secure if we and they spend another  $\frac{1}{2}$  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, total throw-weights and qualitative weapons improvements and then we've never tried this by the way. And then we move to a methodical step-by-step mutual reduction in our atomic arsenals, maintaining at all times rough equivalency in destructive power. Also, we should realize that our nation has become the arms merchant of the world. It is our responsibility to commence multi-lateral efforts to reduce the international traffic in conventional 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 emphasis on the delivery of those weapons. Under the administrations 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 two years under President Nixon and Ford, 60 percent of all of the weapons that have gone to the Arab countries only 40% to Israel. We also must realize that we can take the greed and humiliation to arrest the proliferation of atomic weapons, the capability to produce those weapons that threatens us with the prospect of as many as 20 or more nations having atomic weapons by 1980, 1990. There are now only 5, others are getting the technology. Some of the steps that we can take include the following: Most important along with the Soviet Union a five year total moratorium on the testing of atomic

explosives to the weapons of a so called peaceful nuclear devices and encourage the other nations to join in with us. Secondly, enforcing international safeguards on the handling and processing of atomic waste. Third, providing technology knowledge or fewer supplies, only to those nations that agree not to produce nuclear weapons, to submit atomic waste to international control and sign a non-proliferation treaty and fourth, removing our own atomic weapons from such countries as South Korea, where we now 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 and right at the same time. I would like to see our country get tough enough to stop the Arab boycotts against American companies that do business with Israel or who have Jewish owners and managers. In my lifetime as an adult, and in my study of American history, this is the most disgraceful episode that has ever been condoned by the Federal government who permitted a foreign nation to circumvent the basic tenets 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 affect. 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 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 \$3.00 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 <sup>rough</sup> on the whole bureaucratic mess in Washington. We now have an almost <sup>?</sup>inpenetrable federal bureaucracy. When I was elected Governor we had 300 agencies, bureaus, commissions, boards, we abolished 273 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> too. 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 spiril 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 losely. 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 too 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 substantial 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 skeptical 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 expressions 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 volenteers 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 bearty 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 priminarys and I learned alot about this country. I learned that it is still strong. Economically we're still the strongest nation on earth

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I just had a chance to talk to Sparky Anderson and to Billy Martin to wish them good luck today and Pete Rose sent me a base ... as you know contests in our country have always been part of the competitive spirit of America and I wish both teams today good luck and in the World Series and they reminded me that I was in the political World Series of our country and they wish me that the best man win and that's what I want. I just want to be sure that the voters know who the best man is on November 2 and that's where you come in. There is a great opportunity for our country this year to repair the damage that has been done to us individually as a nation, to our families and neighborhoods in the last eight years. We've been deeply wounded in the aftermath of Vietnam and Cambodia Wars. Our improper conduct in Chile, Bangladesh, and Angola, the disgrace of Watergate and the C.I.A. revelations and the medicare scandals. Our people have been deeply hurt. I'm running for President and I don't intend to lose but it's just as much your country as it is mine and the fact that you have come here today as leaders from precincts all over this region is very encouraging to me. We've got about three more weeks to go, not quite three weeks and it's a time for us to assess how we as individuals can invest part of our lives, part of our strengths, part of our intelligence, demonstrate our patriotism, our love for our own country in the electoral process. No single baseball manager or pitcher could possibly succeed without the rest of the team. Running for President is sometimes a lonely thing because there is only one candidate but there is a wife, their children, their volunteers, there are tens of thousands of Americans like you who have confidence in our nation, who want to correct our mistakes, who want to bind ourselves back together in a spirit of unity once again, who want to answer difficult questions and who want to have a correction of the mistakes that the government has often made that's contrary to what we believe. America is a strong nation, economically. We have the highest unemployment rate of any developed nation on earth, higher

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than Great Britian, higher than Germany, twice as high as Italy, three or four times as high as Japan. That's not part of the character of our country to have 7 and 1/2 or 8 million people out of work who are looking for jobs. If you help me in November, I'll help you at the beginning of January to put our people back to work. That's one thing that we need. Our people believe in fairness. We don't want anything selfish out of government. We just want to be treated fairly but sometimes our own government has not treated us fairly. For instance, our income tax structure is a disgrace. The surest income to be taxed in our country is the income earned from manuel labor. There are not any hidden secret loopholes for someone who draws a paycheck every two weeks or retirement check every two weeks but there are alot of hidden secret loopholes for others. In the last reporting period, there were 3200 people in this country who paid zero income taxes that made over \$50,000 dollars income in one year, there were over 800 who made over \$100,000 dollars a year and paid no income taxes, 244, I believe, that made over \$200,000 dollars in income and paid no income taxes. Ford Motor Company has made over hundreds of millions of dollars profit the last two years, they haven't paid a nickel in income taxes. When they don't pay their income taxes, do you know who pays those taxes for them? It's not fair and if I'm elected in November, and I intend to be, beginning in January we're going to reform our income tax system and make it fair for a change and you can depend on that.

In the last two years we've seen our government management go down hill. Now I don't have any personal criticism to make of Mr. Ford but he's vetoed in the last two years two million job slots for the American people and there are 2 and 1/2 more people out of work now then there were when he took office. In the last three months alone, we've added 500,000 Americans to the unemployment rolls. The cost of hospital care went up last



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year, one year alone, 19 percent. Last year we had the worst deficit in the history of our country, 65 billion dollars, more than all of the deficits combined when Johnson and Kennedy were in office. So the actual election can have a great deal to do with your lives because nothing hurts a family or a person worse than not being able to work when we are able to work and really want to work. This has got to be changed. Somebody ask me about the debate last night. I thought the debate last night was a remarkable demonstration of the quality and character of the two men who will be Vice Presidential Candidates, one of whom will be just a heart beat away from President and I think that the first major decision that I had to make, as the nominee of our party, and the first major decision that Gerald Ford had to make as the nominee of his party, were vividly demonstrated last night. There is no doubt in my mind that if Walter Mondale should ever become President that he would do a superb job. He's tough, he's competent, he's compassionate, he understands government, he knows about agriculture, he served on the agriculture committee. I believe that he is the only Senator who serves on both the budget committee and the finance committee. He understands what this country is. He sees very clearly what it can be and if you listened last night in almost every question that was answered, Walter Mondale said this is what is wrong now and this is what we hope to do in the future to make our country greater. I never heard Bob Dole say that the first time. There was a lot of smallness and personal attack on the part of Bob Dole but Walter Mondale came through very strongly. It was a very hard decision for me to make. I told Fritz last night right after the debate that with the exception of deciding to get married that my choice of Vice Presidential running mate was the most important decision that I had to make and I have never been so sure as I was last night that I made the right choice. I just want to make two more quick comments and then I'll be

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through. Somebody suggested that I mention inflation. I think that it is important for us to realize that inflation is extremely serious in our lives. For someone who has saved all of their working years and have put their savings in an interest producing account, a savings and loan association or a bank and are drawing say 5 percent interest, under the present rate of inflation under Mr. Ford at 11 percent, you actually lost 6 percent a year. And it causes your property taxes to go sky high. If you live in a home and you want to stay there as you probably noticed, go back eight years and check what your property tax payments were and come and check what they are now, it's not fair to blame your local officials for all of that increase because with the inflation rate of 6 to 11 percent, which it has been under Mr. Ford, the cost of everything, the value of everything doubles every six to ten years and this means your house, although it's not actually worth any more is valued at 50 percent or 100 percent higher than it was eight years ago. Also, when you help to pay the cost of government if everything that the government buys is being inflated, your property taxes have to pay for it and when you have welfare costs, which many local governments have to pay, they have more than doubled in the last eight years. The payments for unemployment compensation is 7 times as high as when Richard Nixon went into office. Now a lot of people say, this is Republicans, you can't have our people at work and control inflation, and have a balanced budget at the same time. That's not true. Harry Truman was in office seven years. He didn't have a deficit, he had an average surplus of 2 billion dollars a year. When he went out of office we had an average inflation rate of less than one percent. The unemployment rate was less than three percent. The interest on a F.H.A. home, 4 percent. When Johnson and Kennedy were in office the average inflation rate was 2 percent. When Lyndon Johnson went out of office and Richard Nixon came in, the unemployment

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rate was 3.3 percent and Richard Nixon inherited from Lyndon Johnson a balanced budget. We're never have a balanced budget, which I would like to see, we're never have our legitimate needs met, like a better health program throughout the country, we'll never have an end to the inflationary spiral as long as our people are out of work because that's where our government gets robbed of taxes paid. It's where it gets robbed of excessive welfare payments made. It's where it gets robbed of high unemployment compensation checks. You don't have the money coming in, you have a lot more money going out, the people are worse off. The Democrats have always believed that the best way to address the economic problems is to let our people have jobs. The Republicans have always thought that the best way to control inflation is to put people out of work. That's a basic decision to be made and as will be the case in the World Series I believe that the people are going to make the right decision, elect me and Walter Mondale, we'll turn this economy around and have ourselves a government that we can be proud of.

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Thank you very much. Thank you very much. Chairman Steve Czach and my good friend Morgan Werno, Chairman Paul Tips, Howard Metzenbaum and other distinguished candidates for public office in Ohio. I listen with great attention and a sense of brotherhood to your fine candidates for the Supreme Court. The major word in both their brief but pointed addresses was the word apathy. The concern about our people ~~not~~ taking an interest in government. It's my major concern. Shortly before John Glenn went on his historic trip to China, the only Senator invited by the Majority Leaders to go, I had a chance to spend a night with him and Anne and we had a long talk about what our nation is and what it ought to be and how important to our country is the active, dedicated, even sacrificial investment in the electoral process of leaders, like our selves in this cruel year. Others look to us for inspiration and others look to us for guidance and others look to us for an example of wheather or not we care enough about our country to make a sacrifice as we approach the time to decide on the future of our own lives, our own communities, our own great country. John Glenn is a good man and I know that next year he's going to be joined in Washington by Howard Metzenbaulm and your going to have two Senators with a heart. As John Glenn often points out when I'm President he's come down to Plains to visit me and I've been to Columbus to visit him. He was the most famous person to show up in Plains while I was deciding about my running mate and he had the worlds record until Robert Redford came a little later. Then the turn out at the Airport was a little hard for Robert Redford but I've had a good chance the last 21 months to learn about this country. One place that I have always felt that was close to me is Ohio. I've been here many times as you know and so has my wife Roselyn and so has my son Jack and so has his wife Judy and so has my son Chip and his wife Karen and so has my son Jeffery and his wife Annette and so has my aunt sisy and my sister Ruth and tonight we have a group of Georgians who are here. We call them the Peanut Brigade, they've been campaigning for me at their own expense every since the early stages of the New Hampshire Priminary last winter. They are working people. They take their annual vacation, they paid their own expenses, they charter a bus or buy tickets

on an airplane, tourists class, and they go to a state like your own and they drive around the state and stand in factoryship lines and go to private homes and go to churches or go to socials or anything else where people might be and they tell Ohioans and others that we know Jimmy Carter and we have confidence in him. A state with the mind of its own. A state with a great historical background. A state that is in the birthplace of many great ideas for our country, a President, an astronaut, and many others. A state that is quite often a Presidential battleground because nobody can take you for granted. A state the perhaps at least this afternoon the greatest baseball team in the world. And I'm very proud to be here with you again. When the primary season was over, Ohio was my 30 this year. I was in every primary where you could win a single delegate and it was not an easy thing to run a campaign of that kind. Noone has ever done it before in the history of our country and the outcome was in doubt but when the last primary, Ohio was in my column. I had 1200 delegates the day before and people saw the results in Ohio and then began to call me on the phone. Governor Wallace, Mayor Daley, Senator Jackson and many others and they said that you did so well in Ohio you have our support. It was just a short time later that I had 1700 delegate pledged to me and I thank Ohioans for your confidence in me. You gave the nomination. And at the convention, I was sitting in ... lonely with my grandson, one year old on my lap, and Amy tring to join him there and the roll call of states was being held. I was hoping, and my hopes were finally realized, when I did go over the top. It was Ohio again and I'll never forget it but I'm not through with you yet. We have another press comming on November 2 and I'm looking for Ohio to put me over the top and make me President. Tonight I'm going to speak very briefly about a concept, I haven't made this speech before exactly, to the Bible verse it says For if the trumpet gives an uncertain sound, then he shall prepare himself for the battle. In Biblical times and also now if there is no leadership a nation or a people drift. Our countrys is driftin. We have no clear purpose. We have no clear vision of what our nation will be in the future. We have no clear and consistant analysis of the cause of our past and present problems. We have no concept of excellance or greatness which inspires us as individuals to join in that hope to make our own lives greater or more significant. It's not a complicated thing, leadership. It's based on two basic principals. The first one is an innate

competance. The American people are competent. We believe in the work ethic. We believe in individuality. We believe in self-reliance. We believe in proper management. We still have the pioneer spirit. We have a clear concept of what our lives ought to be but our government in Washington doesn't mirror those characteristics of American people. In the last eight years there has been kind of a wall built up around Washington. The center of our government and we see that we can't quite penetrate that wall. It's a horrible bureaucratic mess where our government ought to be. This is not consistent with what Americans are. It's not compatible with what our government ought to be. We need a tough and well organized government, not disorganized. We need a clear assignment of responsibility and purpose. This can be done. If I'm successful in November, and I don't intend to lose, next January we're going to have an efficient economical, well organized, purposeful, and manageable government and you can depend on it. There are those who say that it's impossible but it isn't. I'm a farmer, I'm a businessman, I'm a nuclear engineer, I'm a planter, that is one basis for hope of success. The major basis is that the American people are ready and the Congress and I'm ready to make those changes. We need to have tough budget analysis. In Georgia, my first year in office, I put into effect zero based budgeting. Which means that every year you strip down the government to zero and you start from scratch and every program that spends the taxpayers money has to rejustify itself annually. You have an automatic weeding out of the old and obsolete programs. You have an automatic detection of overlapping and duplication and waste and you have an automatic assignment of priorities so that in the next budget cycle you spend your money, not on what was necessary 50 years ago, but what's going to be necessary next year. That's going to be instituted as soon as I'm in the White House. Another thing that we don't have in this country is plans for the future. President Ford and the Republican Administration have no plans no concepts in the fields of energy. We're the only developed nation in the world that doesn't have a comprehensive energy program. We have no concept of what we hope to achieve in the field of transportation or agriculture or education or welfare or health, or taxation. This is a devastating obstacle which prevents cooperation between the Federal, State, and Local levels of government and between government at all levels and the business, and professional and labor and agriculture and labor and education and scientific

communities. We've got to have clear plans to show us a goal so that we can reach them at the end of two years or four years or five years or ten years or even more. We did this in Georgia. It worked very well. It worked in many other states and it can and it will work in Washington. So there is no reason that we should fall down on the concepts of management and competence. We can have a government that's efficient and economical but I'd like to remind you tonight that nowhere in the Declaration of Independence or the Bill of Rights or the Constitution of the United States or the Old Testament or the New Testament do you find the words economy or efficiency. You find a lot of other words that are even more important. Words like truth, and fairness, and justice, words like hope, and idealism, and commitment and brotherhood. Words like compassion, and words like love, and words like human rights. Those words have been forgotten lately but they are important and they are crucial and they go hand in hand with proper management. It's not right when the strongest economic nation on earth to have the highest unemployment rate. Our unemployment rate is higher of that than Great Britain, it's higher than that of Germany, twice as high as that in Italy, three or four times higher than that of Japan and this tears people apart and it destroys the concept of a family structure. In the last two years alone, since Gerald Ford has been in office, we've had 2 and 1/2 million Americans join the unemployment rolls. In the last three months alone, 500,000 Americans have become unemployed. That removes the dignity of a man or woman who's able to work, who wants to work, and can't find a job. The Republicans for historical periods has felt that the best way to control inflation is to keep people out of work. We no better. But they haven't controlled inflation even with high unemployment. We now have an inflation rate, as judged by last month's whole sale price index figures, at the double digit level, 11%. We, in this room, are blessed by God with a superior standard of living in the community. Almost all of us perhaps all have financial security. We are socially prominent. We have political influence, but there are many others who don't and retire person living on a fixed income or a wage earner who can't negotiate a new contract every year is constantly robbed and that means a lower quality of food or maybe abandoning a life time home, it means buying cheaper clothes, for a grandmother it means giving a cheaper Christmas Present to her grandchildren. This again destroys the dignity of mankind and it is not necessary if we care. We know as

businessmen the importance of a balanced budget. I've worked all of my life. My people have lived in Georgia 210 years. We've all been farmers and we were tight with our own money and in our business we balanced the budget. I was Governor of Georgia for four years, the budget was balanced. We had a good surplus. Last year we had a 65 billion dollar deficit. The highest deficit in the history of our country. A greater deficit than all eight years put together under Kennedy and Johnson. In fact in the last eight years, under Nixon and Ford, we have accumulated a greater national debt than all of the other 192 years put together. This is not part of the American conscious, character, or commitment and I can tell you at the end of the next four years, the budget of the United States is going to be balanced. There are those who say that this is a heartless statement, it's not. Historically we've been able to have this kind of budget management if our people are at work. Harry Truman was in office seven years, he didn't have an average deficit. He had an average surplus of 2 billion dollars a year. When he went out of office the inflation rate was less than one percent. The unemployment rate was less than 3 percent. The interest on a F.H.A. Home loan, 4 percent. Kennedy and Johnson, if office eight years together, the average inflation rate about 2 percent. When Lyndon Johnson went out of office and Richard Nixon went in, the unemployment rate was 3.3 percent. Nixon inherited from Johnson a balanced budget. But the point is that we will never have a balanced budget, we'll never have an end to the inflationary spiral as long as we have 7 and 1/2 or 8 million people out of work who are looking for jobs. That must be changed, and it will be changed next year. The American people are not selfish but they want to feel that they are treated fairly. They don't want a special favor but there are alot of ways that this government under the Republican administration have not been fair. Our Tax structure is not fair. The surest income to be taxed is the income earned from manuel labor. On an average of a family that makes over a million dollars a year, pays a lower percentage of income in taxes than does a family that makes less than \$10,000 a year. In the last reporting period 3200 people in this country that made over 50,000 dollars a year and paid no taxes, over 800 made over 100,000 dollars a year and paid no taxes, about 250 made over 200,000 dollars and paid not a nickel in income taxes and when they don't pay their taxes the ones who pay them are the ones who can find no hidden loopholes in the



laws. So we need tax reform to make it fair and if I'm elected in November, and I intend to be, next January we're going to have a comprehensive tax reform to make it fair for a change and you can depend on that to. The last point that I want to make is this. I was in Detroit the day before yesterday and I made a speech about crime. The high crime rate was a symptom of a sick society. When our crime rates are very high, in the last eight years they have gone up more than 55 percent. In the last two years alone the serious crime rates have gone up 27 percent. There are a lot of reasons, I will not make a whole speech on that. But we have lost respect for the government aspect of enforcing the law. The highest law enforcement officer in this country is the Attg. General. Under this Nixon and Ford we've had two Attg. Generals who were indicted and convicted of serious crimes and we have seen fraud in our government a continual series of disgraces and the average person feels that they are not treated fairly under our present system of justice. If an average working family has a young man caught with some marijuana or involved in a hit and run accident, that young man will likely go to prison. If a powerful or rich person has the same thing happen to one of his children, chances are that child will never see the inside of a prison. The rich, the powerful constant criminals quite often can escape. When I became Governor of Georgia, there was a drug pusher in Atlanta who had been indicted 52 times. He had been convicted over half of those times. He had never spent a day in prison and only after a young white boy died in his home with an overdose of heroin did that criminal finally spend the first day in prison. I'm not a lawyer but I know the reason and the need for better respect for the law, better administration is our courts, fairer, briefer, but shorter sentences, briefer trials, and a commitment to backing our police officers and also a commitment on the part of society on all levels to support enforcement of the law. Not too long ago Mr. Ford went down to Miami to make a speech to the Police Chiefs of our country and to a great deal of applause he said if I'm elected President beginning next year I'm going to have a hundred day program, a crusade against crime. Mr. Ford has been in office 800 days. He's got another 100 days between now and next January. He'd better make full use of it because he'll be through. He ought to do something about crime now instead of waiting until next year. I want to say just one more thing about foreign affairs. We've lost our commitment as a government, not as a

nation, the basic human rights. I never thought I'd see the President of our country refuse to see a man who epitomizes a search for human freedom but Mr. Ford under the pressure of his Sect. of State and the Soviet Union refused to welcome into the White House Alexander Soliziten. I intend to win in November and when I'm elected and I go to the White House next January, I'm going to invite Alexander Soliziten to come down to see me. In the debate last week on foreign affairs, Mr. Ford said unequivocally on two occasions and reconfirmed it with his Press Secretary the following morning and again two days later that Eastern Europe was not under the domination of the Soviet Union. That Poland and the other countries were free. Now after 5 or 6 days he said that he misspoke. I happen to know that as long as 15 or 20 years ago Mr. Ford had this same belief, that Eastern Europe was free of Soviet Domination. I ... our country as a kind of beacon light that ought to provide a concept of what freedom is. We know that Czech., Hungary, Poland, East Germany are not free and those who have been there, and I'm one of them, have seen the Berlin Wall, not only in Berlin but down the separation between East and West Germany. It's a horrible sight, particularly out in the open fields where swamps have been cut to the ... and a high steel fence with guard posts are there and concrete baracades so that no trucks or automobile can possibly cross ... this separates the free world from the other worlds and it's a devastating blow to those who have suffered from a lack of freedom, not to know that the President of the United States recognized their plight and at least serves as a place where they can trade, as a place where Radio Free Europe can talk to them and Radio Liberty and where an enforcement of the Helsinki Agreement can be assured. We've not had that kind of leadership in recent days, in recent weeks, in recent months, but it must be restored and if I'm elected in November, and I intend to be, next January we will once again be a beacon light to human rights throughout the world and you can depend on that. We've seen the first demonstration in our nation's history of permitting foreign countries to circumvent our Constitution and our Bill of Rights with the Arab Boycott. A lot of people think that the Arab boycott concerns oil. It's not an embargo of oil. The Arab boycott means that Arab countries tell American businesses you can't trade with us unless you sign a paper saying you have not and will not trade with Israel, that you have not and will not trade with us if American Jews either own your company

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or help to manage it, and that you have not or will not buy any spare parts from a company which may have traded with Israel and the President of the United States and his top officers have fought legislation that would eliminate that disgraceful and disgusting pro... American businesses have been forced to yield. I intend to win in November and when I go to the White House in January the Arab boycott will stop and you can depend on that.

*The end of the speech was not on the tape.*

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Thank you very much. It is a beautiful day in Youngstown, Ohio. The Congressman Charles Carney to my good friend, Senator Metzbaum and particularly to all of the wonderful people in Youngstown, Ohio, who were so good to me the last time that I stood here, who help me win the Primary that put me over the top, who gave me the votes at the convention that put me over the top and November 2 are going to give me the votes again and make me President of the United States. This afternoon, that's the way my campaign is going, straight up, I believe that it's time for our nation to do the same thing. We've got a great country but for too long it's been held down by Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford. It's time to let our greatness be seen again. The only thing that Gerald Ford has had going up is the inflation rate and the unemployment rate and we're going to bring those back down, right? As you all know, I and my family and many people have been to Ohio to ask you for your support and your friendship and we have never been disappointed with you but in the last 21 months, I learned a great deal about our country. One thing that I have seen very clearly is that our government has not been as great as our people are. We've had too much failure. In the last eight years, we've been deeply hurt in this country by Vietnam and Cambodia by Chile and Pakistan by Watergate, C.I.A., the medicare disgraces and it's time for us to make some changes. How many of you believe that it's time to make a change in the White House? Right on. How many of you love your country? So do I. Well, as you know I'm running for President and I don't intend to lose, but it's just as much your country as it is mine. One of the things that concerns me very much in this time in our nation's history is the belief among many people that what we do as individuals is not important. Too many people, particularly those who are young, have said I don't trust government anymore. Patriotism is not a good word anymore. We can't depend on elected officials anymore. There is no point of my being involved in government and the political processes anymore. That can hurt us very deeply even those who vote because in that kind of apathetic attitude, the country continues to drift. Our country is a great nation and if we could get our people to go to the polls and vote we could correct our mistakes, we could answer those difficult questions, we could bind ourselves back together in a spirit of unity and reach for a standard of excellence and

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greatness to make us proud once again. I believe that our country is too strong to have 8 percent of our people out of work, 8 million people out of work looking for jobs. It's time to put our people back to work, don't you agree that's true? In this Republican Administration we've had the highest interest rates in 200 years. We've had the highest government deficit in 200 years. Last year we had a 65 billion dollar deficit under Gerald Ford, more than all 8 years put together under Presidents Kennedy and President Johnson. A lot of people say, particular Republicans, that you can't have full employment, you can't control inflation, you can't meet our people's needs, and you can't balance the budget at the same time. This is not true. Down through history, at least in my life time, we've been able to do that when we had good leadership. When Harry Truman was in office for seven years, we didn't have an average deficit, we had an average surplus of 2 billion dollars. When Harry Truman went out of office the interest rates on a F.H.A. Home were 4 percent. The unemployment rate was less than 3 percent. The inflation rate was less than one percent and everybody knew who was in charge in Washington. Harry Truman was a President. When our country made a mistake, we knew that Harry Truman was in charge, when our country did great things, we knew that Harry Truman was in charge. He had a sign on his desk in the Oval Office, does anybody remember what Harry Truman's sign said? That's right. The buck stops here. Nowadays though, the buck can run all over Washington looking for a place to stop. Nobody's in charge. It's time somebody was in charge for a change. We don't have any leadership. When I'm elected President, I'm going to put that sign back on the desk and when our unemployment rate changes one way or the other I want you to know that Jimmy Carter is President. If the F.B.I. or the C.I.A. violates a law, I want you to know whose in charge. I'll be with you, we'll be partners together in making our nation a great one once again. Now I don't claim to know all of the answers, I don't claim to know all of the answers, I'm just a plain American just like you are but I believe in my country. We have a nation whose economic strength is still there. Our system of government is still the best on earth. Richard Nixon didn't hurt our system of government, Watergate didn't hurt our system of government, the Vietnam and Cambodia War didn't hurt our system of government. It's still clean and decent. It's a basis on which

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we can predicate answers to complicated questions and correct our mistakes and approach the future with confidence. Now, I need your help. This is not an easy campaign for an outsider like myself to run against an incumbent President with all of the Power of the White House behind him, all of the special interest groups supporting him. You can rest assured that the special interest groups do not have a very powerful stance in Washington are going to go to the polls and vote on election day. In the last reporting period there were 3200 people in this country that made over 50,000 dollars a year in income and paid not a nickel in income taxes. You can rest assured that they want Gerald Ford to stay in the White House, they're going to vote. There are more than 800 people in this country that made over 100,000 dollars a year; 244 made over 200,000 dollars a year in income and paid no taxes. When they don't pay their taxes, do you know who pays their taxes for them? You do. Well, those folks that have paid no taxes, they are very very deeply interested in the Republicans staying in the White House. You who have been paying too much taxes, I hope that you will be interested in getting the Republicans out of the White House. You help me in November, we'll get them out in January, and have some good tax reform. Almost 22 months ago, I began to campaign around this country. I was just like you are. I wanted to be President but I didn't have much money. I didn't have a built in campaign organization. I didn't hold public office. Not many people knew who I was, I doubt that if one in a thousand of you had ever heard my name. But we began to campaign like you would, if you were running for public office. I and my wife, my children, and a few volunteers, began going from one home to another. We would invite all of the folks in the neighborhood to come to a political meeting, maybe 3 or 4 folks would show up. We'd go to a labor hall that would hold about 200 people, maybe a dozen people would be there. So we began to walk the streets, go into the barber shops and beauty parlors, stores. We'd go to a shopping center and stand in front of the revolving doors and shake hands with folks. We'd go into livestock sale barns, farmers markets, stand in factoryship lines, talking a little, listening a lot. Learning about our country. What it is and what it ought to be and we've built our political strength, not depending on powerful big shot politicians to put me in office but depending on you who don't want anything selfish

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out of government, we just want to be treated fairly once again. Now this campaign is down to the last two and one half or three weeks, it's very important to you to think about the impact on your lives of what's happening in the last two years. Gerald Ford went into office two years, since then 2 and 1/2 million Americans have gone on the unemployment rolls. In the last three months alone, 500,000 Americans have become unemployed. According to the September economic figures, we're now in double digit inflation again and there has been a total mismanagement of the government. Our country can be stronger than that if you participate in the governmental processes. Now you're going to hear alot the last two or three weeks, you've already heard alot in the debates and in the Press Conference the other night, it's not true. Mr. Ford knows that he's telling the American people things that are not true. I sent him a telegram yesterday and I want to read it to you, it's very brief. It says this::

TO PRESIDENT FORD

YOU HAVE MADE ERONOUS STATEMENTS ABOUT MY POSITION ON SEVERAL ISSUES. I DO NOT ADVOCATE INCREASING INCOME TAXES ON LOWER AND MIDDLE INCOME FAMILIES. I DO NOT ADVOCATE ELIMINATING THE EXISTING HOME OWNER'S INCOME TAX BENEFITS. I DO NOT ADOCATUE NEW SPENDING PROGRAMS WHICH WOULD COST ANYTHING NEAR 100 BILLION DOLLARS.

MY PLEDGE IS TO HAVE A BALENCED BUDGET BY 1980 AND TO PHASE IN NEW PROGRAMS ONLY WHEN THOSE FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE TO AN EXPANDING ECONOMY AND IMPORVE GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT.

I DO NOT ADOVATE A 15 BILLION DOLLAR REDUCTION IN THE DEFENSE BUDGET. MY PROJECTED SAVINGS FROM EFFICIENCY AND ELIMINATION OF WASTE IS FROM 5 to 7 BILLION DOLLARS. KNOWING YOUR BELIEF IN INTEGRITY AND I HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT GERALD FORD WAS A MAN OF INTEGRITY, I AM SURE THAT AFTER THESE CORRECTIONS YOU WILL REFRAIN FROM MAKING THESE MISLEADING AND ERONOUS STATEMENTS TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

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Now I want you to watch Mr. Ford the next few years few days. I want you to listen to him. He's a President of the United States. He's suppose to tell the truth and if he makes any of these statements anymore, knowing that he's wrong, then Mr. Ford will not be telling the truth. This is gonna to be a good campaign. It's already been a good campaign. The American people are learning alot. How many of you watched the debate last night? Great. How many of you think Frtiz Mondale would be a great President compared to Bob Dole? I think that the choice of a running mate was the first major decision that I and President Ford had to make. I chose a man based on one fact and one fact only, what kind of President he might make if he ever takes over the highest office in our land. Mr. Ford has never claimed that he chose his running mate because of that. I believe that Fritz Mondale last night showed you what the Mondale and Carter Ticket have in mind for the future of our country. Senator Dole never mentions at all what was going to happen in the next four years and he's right. Neither he nor Gerald Ford have a thing in the world to say about what happens in the White House in the next four years because they are gonna lose. I want to point out to you just a couple of more things. I hope that in this next 2 and 1/2 more weeks that you will remember that although I'm running for President, and I don't intend to lose, it's just as much your country as it is mine. You have a great deal that you can invest in your own future. I hope that you will make an effort, I hope that you will make a sacrificial effort the next few days to influence the outcome of the election. As you know Ohio has always been a swing state. Nobody has ever taken your state for granted and that's good for you. It's good for you that I have come to Ohio many times to let you get to know me, so have the other candidates, and you've got alot of confidence in me and I will never betray that confidence but think about what our nation is now after eight years of Republican Administration. Think about the greatness of our country in the past and what it can be in the future. Think about the choice of President. Think about the comparison between Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, John Kennedy, Lyndon on the one hand and Warren Harding, Herbert Hoover, Richard Nixon on the



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other hand. There is alot of difference. It's not an accident. It's not an accident. The Democrats have always believed in people. We've always derived our strength, our advice, our counsel, our criticism directly from you. We've made mistakes of course but we tried to do the best we could to correct our mistakes openly and I think we're reached forever in the past and I hope in the future to you for the strength that is our party, that can be our nation. The Republicans have always believed the best way to control inflation is to put people out of work. The Democrats have always believed that can't have a balanced budget, you can't have an end to the inflationary spiral with 8 and 1/2 or 9 million people out of work, looking for jobs. If you will elect me President in November, next Janruary we together will put our people back to work, balance the budget, meet our needs, control inflation, and have a great country once again.

I want to say just one more thing about families. The basic strength of our country is derived from the family structure. I couldn't run my own campaign without my wife and my children helping me. In an average week I and my own immediate family\* campaign in about 30 states, sometimes even more to let people know us and to get to know this country. I believe that everything that government does ought to be designed to bind families together. Transportation, education, welfare, health, taxation, care for the elderly ought to be designed to make sure that the family structure is never destroyed but it tears down a family when you have an administration in the White House that depends upon unemployment as a basic economic tool. It's very damaging to a family to have a mother or father, who have been employed for the last 10 or 15 years, lose a job, begin drawing unemployment compensation, and after a few months as you know have to draw their first welfare check. It hurts alot for an able bodied man or woman to depend on the government to support the family. That's got to be changed. It also is very damaging to a family to have high inflation. Where property taxes rob you not as a fault of local officials, but as the fault of the people in the White House who've have insisted on the kind of economic policies that have caused unprecented inflation rates. This is not necessary in our country. So if you're concerned about the families, neighbor hoods,

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communities, our nation, if your concerned about unfair taxes or a welfare system that doesn't work, if your concerned about inadequate education, if your concerned about unemployment and inflation and unbalanced budgets, think very seriously about what you can do as an American citizen this last few weeks. Don't sit back and let other people make decisions for you because their interests might be completely different from yours. The American people are basicly unselfish all you want is to be treated fairly, to have a chance to work in peace, to let your children get a good education, a chance to own your own home, and to have some security in your old age and adequate health care. That's not asking too much. Our country is strong enough but right now of all of the developed nations in the world, we have the highest unemployment rate. We heard alot about the weakness of Great Britain. We have a high unemployment rate than Great Britain. We've heard of problems in Europe, our unemployment rate is higher than it is in Germany, twice as high as it is in Italy, three or four times higher than it is in Japan. That's not part of the basic character of the American people. So these last few weeks, your country needs you. The Democratic Party needs you and of course I need you too and I hope that you can bind yourselves together with me and the other Democratic nominees here on this platform with me, work hard between now and November 2 and beginning next January we'll work together with you to make sure that we once again can prove to the rest of the world, and that's very importnat, but more importantly to our own people in this country, that we still live in the greatest nation on earth. Thank you very much.

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Rawley Park  
Tampa, Florida

.....I'm glad to be back in Florida, I'm glad to be back in Tampa, I'm glad to be back in Florida Country.....right ..... I know there's a lot of people here from the Tampa area. Is there anybody here from St. Petersburg, from Clearwater?..... Is there anybody here from Georgia? Is there anybody here from Kansas City? Let me make a short speech to you.....

I want to say that I'm glad to be here with (names of local people) and with a lot of other people this year as Democrats. I'm also glad to be back as an honorary fire chief of Tampa.....

I want to talk with you about something that's very important to us all..... we've had some very great and important lessons in the past. The President I remembered was in 1932 when President Roosevelt ran against Herbert Hoover and ever since the government doesn't have any responsibility to give people jobs. As President Roosevelt said, the government has the responsibility to let people work. This is what I want to talk with you...about working Americans. The working Americans have been forgotten for a long time. Now we must have system; also we must have good care for the elderly; we must also have a good welfare program; and the ones who pay the bills for the government are the working American family.....

We have never had.....right now we have the highest unemployment rate since we've had since the Hoover Depression before Gerald Ford went into office. In the last four months we've had 500 thousand Americans

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go on the unemployment rolls. In the last two years since Richard Nixon left the White House we've had two and half million American families become unemployed and when that happened they start drawing unemployment compensation, later on they start drawing welfare payments when they can't get a job; and do you know what the unemployment and the welfare payments cost ....the people who are still working, the working Americans do.

We've got the worst inflation, we back in that double digit inflation period now, almost 11%. Under President Kennedy and Johnson we had 2% un..... 3% inflation. Under this administration we've had averaged over 6% and that robs people if the property taxes go up, if you have a savings and loan it lowers its interest, you lose 6% a year with inflation 11%; if the price of homes goes too high...the price of a medium price home since 1969 has doubled in price. The average home now costs \$40,000 and two-thirds of the American people cannot afford to buy a home. Now a lot of people can rent a home in a low housing property. I did the same thing when I came out of the Navy. Our rent has gone up...I paid \$31 a month rent; and my first year of my home in 1954 I didn't make enough income to pay my house rent and that did a lot to me, but people who can and ought be able to buy homes, that used to be able to buy homes and cannot buy them now again are the working Americans. Now we have a tax structure in this country....an income tax structure....its a disgrace.....

the income to be taxed is the income from manual labor

loopholes but someone is the pay-  
check every two weeks or a salary check every two weeks but

loopholes for everyone else. In there  
were 3200 people in this country who made over \$50,000 a year and they

paid zero income taxes. There were about 250 people who made over \$200,000 income in one year and paid not a nickel in income taxes. Now when they don't pay their income taxes you know who pays their income taxes for them.....you do...you're absolutely right. The people who have jobs in this country, the working Americans pay their taxes. When we have terrible deficits it puts the pressure on our families now in the future. Last year we had the worst deficit in the history of our country, 55 billion dollars--more debts for the count of last year than all eight years put together, since President Kennedy and President Johnson were in office. Now further evidence, they have had the highest inflation, the highest unemployment, the highest deficit in the history of our country, and I believe it's time for a change in the White House....do you agree?.....

Now I've been campaigning for President for the last twenty-two months; I've put a lot of time in Florida...my wife has spent 35 days campaigning down here. I came down to campaign 35 times....we've liked it, that's one reason. You've been good to us. As you well know in our first major primary, although I was not supposed to win, you gave me your votes and I won and that.....

Now I need you again. I don't claim to know all the answers. I'm just an average American like you. I've worked all my life; my folks have been in Georgia for over 200 years; we've all been farmers; no body in my father's family ever had a chance to finish high school before I did but I've had a good education at public expense, the U.S. Naval Academy and the tax payers paid for my education; and I'm an engineer, a businessman, a farmer. I grow peanuts, as you know.

President of this country, but when I started, I was just like you. I didn't have much money and I didn't

have a nationwide campaign organization, and I didn't hold public, political office, and I come from a little town of 683 people, and not very many people knew who I was....I think I am just one in a thousand of you who never heard my name but I, and my wife, and my children, and many volunteers, many of you, began to go from one home to the other, one neighborhood to another, one factoryship line to another, farmer's market, livestock sales, county court houses, shopping plazes, beauty shops-barber shops-restaurants, to meet people, to talk a little and , and we discovered what Americans are and what our country is, and where it can be. Now a lot of our people have become discusted with government and its authority..... and there's a good reason for it--the aftermath of Viet Nam and Cambodia, Chile, Pakistan, and Watergate, and CIA scandal, I can understand how many Americans feel that nothing can be done about government; that it can't be well , and the tax structure cannot be fair; that we can't buy a home again; that we can't have jobs again; that inflation can't be controlled; that we can't have a fair system of justice. Well that's not right....that's not right. Our country is still strong; and our people are still intelligent; and our system of government is still the best on earth.

And when I was elected Governor of Georgia, I was just a businessman and farmer but there was a horrible, bloated bureaucract mess in Atlanta. We had 300 agencies, bureaus, and commissions....300. We did away with 278 of them and we set up a simple structure of government. We also balanced our budget. Now I've never had an unbalanced budget at my home, my warehouse, or when I was governor of Georgia for 4 years...we balanced the budget. We had a good surplus the last year

when I went out of office. We left a surplus amounting to 16 million dollars, and if I am elected President I'm going to work with you to have a balanced budget for the United States of America. Now that's not going to be easy, but we've done it in the past. Georgia's budget balance Florida's budget balanced and in the past we've had a balanced budget in Washington. Harry Truman was in office 7 years--he didn't have an average deficit, he had an average surplus of two billion dollars a year; he also had our people at work. The employment rate was 3% when he went out of office; the inflation rate was less than 1%; and the interest rates or -- 4%. Lyndon Johnson and John Kennedy held office for 8 years you know when Johnson went out of office the average inflation rate was 2%; the unemployment was 3/4th of 3% and Richard Nixon inherited a balanced budget. Although it's not easy, we know that we'll never have a balanced budget, we'll never have an end to the inflationary spiral as long as we have seven or eight million people out of work so there's a good possibility to control inflation by putting our people back to work for a change.

Now I believe that the tax structure can be fair. When I was governor for 4 years we didn't increase the income tax, we didn't increase the corporation tax, we didn't increase the sales tax. The year when I went out of office, we gave a 50 billion dollar refund to the public taxpayers in Georgia. We don't have now an administration that cares about fairness in our tax structure. Now it's going to be a difficult thing to control our income tax structure but I believe that the American people are ready for it and I believe you are if the Congress is ready for it and I believe it is, and the next President is ready for it, and I know I am... we can have tax reform.....

I'm going to ask you this afternoon, two weeks before the election, not to give up on our country. We've made lots of mistakes in Washington because our public officials have not trusted the American people. Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford have isolated themselves by building a wall around the White House. Nobody knows what goes on inside..... also they've built a wall between the White House and the Congress, and there's no way to have a good arrangement of our affairs in Washington until you've got the President and the Congress realizing that they both represent the same people...and that's us. Also, I believe that you've got to have the strength that can't be destroyed. God's given us a great country with open fields, mineral deposits, access to two oceans, ; we've also got the best system of government on the earth--Richard Nixon didn't hurt our system of government; Watergate didn't hurt our system of government; Viet Nam and Cambodia didn't hurt our system of government; the CIA revelation didn't hurt our system of government; our system of government is still the basis that doesn't change that gives us a way to correct our mistakes, to answer difficult questions, to bound ourselves together in the spirit of unity and face the future with confidence. Now I'm not afraid to be President, although I don't know all the answers, because I'm drawn/<sup>ing</sup> all my strength and my support, and my advice and my capital, and my criticism comes from you.

A week ago I was at Notre Dame College and the Father , head of Notre Dame said, they have just written a story of a speech about what it takes to be a President and it looked like it hit me to see what were the two words that could best describe a good president of a country, a prime minister, or even a friend of the university and those two words are...be human.



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Now my closeness to you.....and many of the peoples around this country is my assurance about the future. I believe that will help me to be a good President. It will help me to keep my promises to you; it'll help me not to give up on our country. O' I've been discouraged, I've been embarrassed, sometimes I've been ashamed like you have, but that's not part of the government that we have to have. We can have a well organized government in Washington. We can have a fair tax structure in Washington; we can have cooperation between business and labor, and agriculture, and private-government educational leaders; we can have a government that inspires us, that doesn't make us ashamed provided the American people don't give up; and the last polls I saw it showed more than half the American people are not going to vote. And I want to say, I'm a coward, I'm a failure in the future, if I give up on my nation--I'm not going to try and control my own destiny and shape out a better life for my own children. Now I know that because you came to the political rally you do care, but we've only got two weeks..... but we've only got two weeks .... to change our nation. If we don't participate on the 2nd of November and the Republicans are there for 4-more years..... (I feel the same way).....

How many of you believe that we can have a well-runned government, if you help.....

How many of you believe that we can have a fair tax structure if you'll help.....

How many believe that we can drop our present system of justice, which makes the average worker go to jail and let the big shot go free.....

How many of you believe that our country can be great once again with your help.....

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I want to ask you just two more questions.....okay.....

How many of you think that it's time for a change in the White House?

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How many of you want to help me on November 2nd.....

Thank you very much .....

Jimmy Carter  
October 19, 1976  
Speech to American Public Health Ass.  
Miami Beach, Florida

Thank you very much. To Doctor Roberts, to my good friend and constant advisor, Paul Connally, to non partisan and very disearning friend from North Carolina, Alieen Cooley, President Hilbrook, to Congressman Claude Preffer who's sitting in the front row and to all of you, I'm very glad to be here.

It's true that I was raised by a nurse. My mother, this year, is 78 years old. She has devoted her life to carrying for other people. Nothing would please her better than to be here with you today, however it happens to be Amys' birthday and this takes precendent over I'm afraid even professional enjoyment. I'm thankful to come and make a statement as a prospective President of our country about a subject that is so important to me and to you and 2]5 other Americans. There is a great deal of concern and confusion in our country about what ought to be done about health care. I tried to thank of a story that would illustrate the point, I'm not a very good joke teller but the only one that I could think of was about two young boys who grew up in a very strict family they had their language slowly degenerate in the absence of constant present of their father and one night they were in the room by themselves and their daddy happen to walk by the door and he heard them using some language that was very embarassing to them and he wanted to be sure that when his sons grew up the would not be embarassed by language used in magazine interviews and so forth

THE REST OF THE SPEECH WAS NOT ON THE TAPE MACHINE. AFTER THE WORD SO FORTH, THE OPERATOR CUTS IN .

Roslyn Carter ~~AND~~ Jimmy  
October 20, 1976  
San Jose, California  
Bob Hager Committee

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Roslyn. I'm glad to be with you again, it's always good to come back, and I want to say to my Spanish speaking friends again (then she speaks spanish). I am glad to be here. It's a special privilege for me to be back and to be with Jimmy, I don't ever get to see him. When we first started campaigning nobody had ever heard of Jimmy Carter so we went into different directions all over the country. My three sons, their wives, Jimmy and I and it's been a great experience for all of us. We've learned that the people of the country and I think the people of the country have learned us. It's brought our family close together and I hope that our family can bring the country close together.

I've known Jimmy all of my life. We grew up in the same community. Our families have known each other all of their lives and for generations our roots are in Plains, Georgia, my family and Jimmys' family. We married ... and I graduated from Georgia Southwestern College. Jimmy spent seven years in the Navy and when his fathers died in 1953 he got out of the Navy and came back home to Plains, Georgia. That's when he started farming and he started a small farm supply business and the business grew and developed he became involved in all kinds of local activities. He served on the local school board, for instance, for seven years. He was on the Library Board, on the Hospital Authority, he started the first Planning Commission in Georgia, just got involved in all kinds of local activities, then ran for the State Senate and then ... Governor of Georgia. To me his background is so important. I think that we need a working man in the White House, one who knows what it is to work for a living and Jimmy Carter knows.

I think that we need a businessman in the White House. When Jimmy Carter came home to Plains, and took over that small business, it was a small business. He was his only employee there and then I started helping him keep the books, we worked. Our whole family worked together. We scrimped and saved to make that business a success and when you do that and then look at the government and see the waste and the unnecessary expense, it is just unbelievable. Jimmy couldn't stand it. As soon as he was elected Governor he completely re-organized the government. He cut through that bureaucracy. He cut out the waste and the inefficiency. One of the first things that he did was to

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assure all of the government employees that nobody would be fired. Through attrition some of them dropped off but I saw what happen. I worked with the mental health program. We had one of the worst systems of service in the country and at the end of the four years we had one of the best. We established 84 new community health centers. They weren't all comprehensive, some of them were just day care centers for the retarded but we could not have done it without the professional government employees who helped me every day and who I saw excited about their jobs because something was happening and they felt like they were accomplishing something it was a great great experience. Jimmy did things that cut out the waste and to business like principals to government. ...the states' money for instance, and it always the revenues had always been put in banks of friends, at no interest or at very little interest and ... basis, do you know money that brought into the state treasury every year? 22 million dollars, just interest on the states' money. He did things like you would do in your business or home, check the telephone bill for the state, do you know how much money we saved in one year on a telephone bill for the state of Georgia? 800,000 dollars. When you bring some business like management to the government you have money for the services. That was what was so important, we had money for the services and when you hear the Republicans talk about massive Federal spending programs, they don't ever say that every year Jimmy Carter had a balanced budget and that at the end of his term he left a 116 million dollar surplus in the State Treasury. One of Jimmy's greatest dreams is that he has campaigned in the country since January of last year. I have campaigned since April of last year. I have had the experiences that he has had. When you travel and meet people, where they live, where they work, or where they play, it makes a difference. You can read about unemployment figures all that you want to but until you have somebody say to you, my husband has not been able to find a job in three years, or I graduated from college last year and I haven't been able to find a job. I was in Boston a few days ago, we had two engineers who had been laid off, licking envelopes in our campaign headquarters. I had a woman say to me, an elderly woman, my rent went up to \$195 dollars for one bedroom, my social security didn't go up. You see the problems, you see the ... every single day and those figures are no longer statistics, they are human beings.

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Jimmy knows human beings in our whole country. He knows the needs and the problems, the hurt, the dreams of the people of our country. There is going to be a great great strength in him when he's President of the United States.

There is just one other thing that I want to say. We won this nomination, Jimmy did, I helped with no strings attached. We went into the country, the people elected our delegates, we didn't have to bargain and trade. Jimmy Carter can be elected President of the United States with obligations only to the people of our country. I think he'll be a great President. My husband, the next President of the United States, Jimmy Carter.

*Jimmy Carter* Thank you very much, Ok you got me, you got me. Thank you very much. I notice <sup>Lillian</sup> a sign over here on my right that says Miss ... for first grandmomma. How many of you think that you would like to have Roslyn as First Lady of the Country? When we first went home to Plains from the Navy we had three sons, the oldest one was in first grade, he was born in Virginia when he was in Norfolk. We lived in a government housing project, the rent was 31 dollars a month and the first year that we were home in 1954 we didn't make enough total income to pay our house rent but we formed kind of a family partnership as Roslyn has described and it has lasted every since and now we have campaigning all over the country, not only Roslyn and myself, but my oldest son and his wife and my second son and his wife and my third son and his wife, my sister Ruth, my aunt Siscy, momma campaigns every now and then she's going to Masschusetts very shortly, just came back from Florida, Amy campaigned some. She goes over to the Grand Old Opera in Nashville and performs, she's a claud dancer and we get alot of benefit from our family but in the last 22 months our campaign organization has grown. Today we have about 500 Georgians who are working people like many of you, who at their own expense have gone all over the country to talk to Americans about me, about my record in Georgia, and about their, my, and your vision of what our country ought to be. Our nation has been deeply hurt in the last eight years wheather it's the terrible war in Vietnam or the secret bombing of Cambodia, the insititivity of Bandonish and the attempted war in Angolia and our involvment in Chile and to the disgrace of Watergate, the resignation of the President of the United States, and also the

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resignation of the Vice President of the United States, both in disgrace. These kind of things have never happen to this country before and the American people have been deeply wounded by the loss of something precious, a sense that our government was clean and decent and open, a sense that our nation was well representated, a sense that we had access to the decision making process, that there was a minumum of secrecy and a maximum of personal privacy, that the C.I.A. and the F.B.I. set an example of professionalism and close attention to the law that was an inspiration to us all. We've lost those things.

I think that there has also been a resurgence in our country of a desire to restore the greatness and a standard of excellance and high ideals and moral character that still exists in the hearts and in the minds of the American people in our own government. It would be a serious mistake is the 50 per cent or so of those who say that they are not going to vote a week from Tuesday didn't go to the polls and vote. Just because they have been disappointed with some of the things that have happened in recent years. Our country is still strong, economically we're still the strongest nation on earth. God has blessed us with wide open fields and great land and great mineral deposits and access to the oceans and pure streams and good harbors and pure air and Gods' blessed us to with the finest system of government on earth. It hasn't been damaged by Richard Nixon or by Watergate nor even by Vietnam and Cambodia. Our system of government is still clean and decent. It's a basis on which we can predicate answers to complicated questions and bind ourselves back together and correct our mistakes and in a spirit of unity, tap the tremendous resource that exists above all else among the 215 million Americans who still believe in hard work and self sacrifice and who are basically unselfish and who have a desire for a sense of unity and who are still patroic and still idealistic and still compassionate and still looking for a way to set an example of hope and freedom and indiuiudality and equality of purpose for the whole world to emulate. Those inclinations still exist among American people and as we have travelled and campaigned the last 22 months around this country I've seen expressed to me in thousands of different ways from tens of thousands of different people that they hope and you hope and I hope that we can be proud once again. Now I don't claim to know all of the answers, I'm just an average

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person like you who went as a farm boy and got a good education at public expense and then went on and started a little business on a farm then got involved in public affairs, like many of you have become involved. I did it not to make money but to serve my country and also because I enjoyed it. It has never been an ordeal or a sacrifice to me, it's always been kind of an inspiration and we have worked very hard the last 22 months, I've never felt that I was sacrificing. I've been inspired. We began our campaign, as Roslyn said, I did on the 20 of January 1975. Not many people knew who I was. I doubt if one out of a thousand of you had ever heard my name and we didn't have a built in campaign organization and we didn't have much money. I come from a small town of 683 people and I didn't hold public office but we began campaigning for President just like you would if wanted to run for public office. We went to living rooms, and we'd invite everybody to come in, maybe three or four people would show up. We'd go into a labor hall that would hold 200 or 300 people, maybe 10 people would be there. So we walked the streets went in to barber shops and beauty parlors, went into factoryship lines, shopping centers, county courthouses, and city halls, livestock sale barns and farmers markets to talk a little and to listen alot and then we formed some kind of partnership with the American people and our family kind of expanded in a way you might say and then when the returns started coming in from the primarys, many people were surprised because I came in first in Iowa and came in first in New Hampshire and first in Florida, and North Carolina and Illinois, Ohio , Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and it is because we formed a close relationship with people.

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\* (I've never had the opportunity to depend upon powerful, big shot special interest groups to put me in office. This is something that has let me be a free agent to search out as best I could the need of the people of our country that are not influential, not rich, not powerful, because those of us who make decisions in government quite often don't feel the pain of a mistake. Our families are not the ones who stand in an unemployment line looking for a job and ours are not the ones that depend on the welfare check and find sometimes that it is not enough to get there late and we have a dual system of government, I mean a dual system of justice, and taxation. When the tax laws are not fair, quite often we benefit. We don't suffer and when the court system decides



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No! between the powerful and the poor, our kids don't go to prison. If my three boys were caught with marijuana in their possession or involved in a hit and run accident you can rest assured they would not go to prison but my next door neighbor in Plains, Georgia, who happens to be black, if their sons did the same thing, they'd be gone to prison. It's time to do away with the dual system of justice in our country, treat everybody fairly for a change. We've got ten days left. I think that it's good for us to reassess what has occurred. In the last two years alone we've had two and one half million Americans become unemployed. In the last four months 500,000 American families have become unemployed. The inflation rate which has been extordinarily in the last eight years robs all of us. Under Kennedy and Johnson the average inflation rate was about two per cent. Lately they have averaged six per cent. The wholesale price index for February shows 11 percent. That means that a family cannot plan for the future and families need security. Eight years ago over one half the American families could afford to buy a home now less than one third of the American families can afford to buy a home. Do you know why? Because their average home now costs 100 per cent than it did eight years ago. The interest rate, up 50 per cent. If you have a savings account, at 5 per cent interest, you lose money. The dollar goes down more than the interest brings in and that's a quite thing. But it's felt by people who go to the grocery market or go our for the first time to buy a home and property taxes sky rocket. This is not the cause of local officials because most times local services have had to be cut down. It's because of inflation.

Budget Now I believe in balanced budgets. My family budgets have never been unbalanced. Roslyn keeps the books, she sees to that. My business has never been unbalanced. I was Governor of Georgia. We always had a balanced budget. We left a surplus in the treasury every year which accumulated to a total of 496 million dollars in surplus but we met the services of our people because they were at work. We will never have a balanced budget in this country, which I would like to see, nor an end to the inflationary spiral, as long as we have 7 and 1/2 or 8 million people out of work who are looking for jobs. But I want to say this. Our country is strong and I hope that nobody gives up on it because we failed in the past. I hope those 50 per cent of people who have said in the past that we're not

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? going to vote will change their minds. [I'm running for President and I don't intend to lose  
• but it's just as much your country as it is mine.] I hope that next January 20 that I'll  
? be a neighbor of yours and I hope those of you who work for the government will understand  
that we're going to form a close partnership. We'll be in it together. We be dedicating  
our lives or a major portion of our lives to serving other Americans who look to us to  
take whatever talent or ability that we have and to exert it to the utmost of our  
capabilities to make our country great, to deal with the sensitives, the needs of those  
who are not powerful, to treat people fairly, to have a tax structure in which we can  
have confidence, to have a foreign policy that will make us proud once again, to assist  
on human rights, to deal with people at home and abroad as we would like to be dealt with  
ourselves and to restore those concepts of government that have been so great in the past.  
As you know, I'm a Democrat and I'm proud of it. The first time that I voted was in 1948  
for Harry Truman and it's not an accident that in the debate last night and the other two  
debates that Gerald Ford and I disagree. As I said last night, I think that he's a decent  
man, I don't have anything against him personally but he's continuing the same policies  
that failed when Hurbert Hoover was here as President, he's continuing the same policies  
the failed when Richard Nixon was here as President and if you think back, those who are  
as old as I am, about the differences in the attitude of our country, the spirit of our  
country when Franklin Roosevelt was President, when Harry Truman was President, when Lyndon  
Johnson was President, when John Kennedy was President. There was a different attitude,  
a different atmosphere and I want to restore that to the White House next year. Two years  
ago I came into this area of Virginia several times to help elect Joe Fisher and Hubert  
Harris and I've been proud of them and I hope that you will help them too. And I'm also  
proud of my good friend Bud Zumwalt who headed the Navy and now wants to go to the Senate  
but the point that I want to make this afternoon is this, we're all in it together, it's  
our country, it can be great or it can be meadeoure, we can challenge ourselves to strive  
for excellance or we can whine and moan and we can withdraw when we have failures. I think  
that the spirit of our country is one to meet challenge headon, not to be cowardly, to be  
tough, self reliant, to believe in our nation, to believe in ourselves, to bind ourselves

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not to be afraid, not to ever lower our standards, because the rest of the world is looking for leadership, right now there is a vacuum in world leadership. Now I'm a physicist an atomic engineer and I'm also a politician and I know that when a vacuum exists it's gonna be filled. I want that vacuum in world leadership by freedom and not slavery, I want it to be filled with hope and despair, I want it to be filled with democracy and not totalialism and I want you to help me next January 20 and for the next four years to restore the precious things that we have lost and to let our people feel once again that we have a government of which we can be proud and the next 10 days is crucial. How many of you believe that it's time for a change in the White House? Right on. Right on. I see. If you'll help me the next 10 days, you'll have Jimmy for the next four years and we'll be in it together and we'll make our country great once again. Thank you very much. I love you all.