

[10-16-76]

SUBJECT TEXT OF TELEGRAM FROM CARTER TO THE PRESIDENT
PRESIDENT GERALD FORD
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20550

YOU HAVE MADE ERRONEOUS STATEMENTS ABOUT MY POSITION ON SEVERAL
IMPORANT ISSUES.

1. I DO NOT ADVOCATE INCREASING INCOME TAXES ON LOW OR MIDDLE INCOME
FAMILIES
2. I DO NOT ADVOCATE ELIMATING THE EXISTING HOMEOWNER INCOME TAX
CREDITS
3. I DO NOT ADVOCATE NEW SPENDING PROGRAMS WHICH WOULD COST ANYTHING
NEAR 100 BILLION DOLLARS. MY PLEDGE IS TO HAVE A BALANCED BUDGET BY
1980 AND TO PHASE IN NEW PROGRAMS ONLY AS FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE
THROUGH EXPANDING ECONOMY AND IMPROVED GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT.
4. I DO NOT ADVOCATE A 15 BILLION DOLLAR REDUCTION IN THE DEFENSE
BUDGET. MY PROJECTED SAVINGS FROM EFFICIENCY AND ELIMINATION OF
WASTE IS FROM 5 BILLION DOLLARS TO 7 BILLION DOLLARS

I AM SURE THAT AFTER THESE CORRECTIONS, YOU, AS A MAN OF INTEGRITY,
WILL REFRAIN FROM MAKING THESE MISLEADING AND ERRONEOUS STATEMENTS
TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

JIMMY CARTER