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Carter would "leave open the option of normalizing relations with North Vietnam after they have assured me of a full accounting" of the MIAs.

He said the Vietnam incident was "just the latest example of weak, vacillating national leadership on the part of Mr. Ford...we cannot afford to have the foreign policy of the United States determined by a calculation of political expediency in each succeeding Republican primary."

Washington Post
April 25, 1976



REAGAN

"Reagan would be like Sen. Goldwater, I believe. He would divide the Republicans."

Atlanta Constitution
March 17, 1976



REAGAN/VIETNAM/MIA s /FORD/FOREIGN POLICY

Carter charged today that President Ford has "yielded weakly to pressure" from Republican challenger Reagan in saying the United States would not "normalize" relations with North Vietnam in return for an accounting of American missing in action from the Vietnam war.

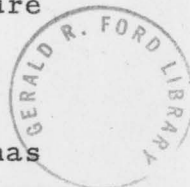
He accused Ford of "playing internal Republican Party politics with American foreign policy and the hopes of MIA da families."

He called Ford's comments in Indiana as proof that the President "has turned our Indochina policy over to his opponent, Mr. Reagan."

Carter said that "in announcing that the administration would refuse to normalize diplomatic relations with Vietnam, even in return for a complete accounting of our missing in action... Mr. Ford has again yielded weakly to pressure from Reagan."

"But that was six weeks before the Texas primary. Now, to deprive Mr. Reagan of an issue in that primary, the administration has deprived the MIA families of their best chance to know the fate of their sons. That policy may possible gain a few votes for Mr. Ford, which I doubt, but it will gain nothing for our country."

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REAGAN

"I don't believe I'll lose the South. Reagan will be much more formidable, say, in Texas. That's the only state I could think of where I have any concern if Reagan were nominated. . . . You saw what happened to Reagan in Kentucky, and in Tennessee he only narrowly won against Ford."

New York Times
June 16, 1976



REAGAN/TAXES

In Detroit, Carter attacked Reagan for refusing to disclose whether or not he paid income tax in 1970.

Carter said Reagan's income averages \$150,000 to \$200,000 a year, and his net worth is \$1.4 million. He added that 24 people who had \$1 million income each paid no taxes the year before last, and "there were about 300 people who made \$200,000 and paid no taxes. And when they don't pay taxes, you know who pays the taxes for them."

Atlanta Constitution
May 18, 1976

