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Reagan Questions Morality of Grain Deal

By David Beeder



Ronald Reagan raised a question Tuesday night about the morality of sending U. S. food to Russia and China, and he provided Nebraska supporters with a preview of the campaign style he hopes will carry him into the White House.

In an interview in Omaha with a World-Herald newsman, Reagan said U. S. agricultural trade with Russia and China raises "a moral question" about providing food to totalitarian countries which are trying to surpass the United States in armaments, and at the same time control possibly restive enslaved populations.

"China does provide a potential market (for U.S. agriculture)," Reagan said in response to a question. "However, the only reason China is our friend right now is that she dislikes Russia more than she dislikes us. That could change."

"Enslavement"

In sending food to Russia and China, the United States should continually evaluate "whether we are aiding them in enslaving their own people" as well as captive satellite nations.

If U.S. agricultural exports should be stopped to Russia and China, Reagan said, "we should not let the American farmer take the rap." He said the U.S. government would have to return to a system of buying farm surplus.

Half of Dollar

In the dinner speech to the Nebraska Tax Research Council, Reagan said, "A free economy will not survive a government that is taking half of every dollar", and taking more from the average American family in taxes than the cost of "food, shelter and clothing put together."

He advised leaders of the press to portray the importance of the free market in American society. "They should understand we can't have a free press without a free economy."

Reagan used a number of statistical illustrations to develop the main theme of his speech that big government, if not curtailed, eventually could destroy free enterprise and lead to socialism.

He concluded, "Everybody can have a bigger piece of the pie if government will get the hell out of the way and let free enterprise bake a bigger pie."

Earlier, in a reception sponsored by the GOP Boosters Club, Reagan said the country's major problem is having too few producers supporting too much government.

"There are 71.5 million employed persons in this country and they are the total resource of the United States government," he said.

"There are 80.5 million receiving government checks of one kind or another, so the producers are outnumbered by 9 million persons."

Reagan, rosy-cheeked, smiling and looking at least 10 years younger than his 64 years, was in Omaha to address the Nebraska Tax Research Council, an invitation he accepted more than three months ago.

The former California governor, who announced Nov. 20 he will seek the GOP presidential nomination, described 1976 as "a watershed year when we must make drastic changes" in government.

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He said the only difference between financially troubled New York City and the financial problems of the federal government is that "the United States government has a printing press" for money.

Reagan acknowledged that the Republican party is a minority compared with the Democratic party and persons who call themselves independents.

However, he said the Republicans can win in 1976 by "providing the vehicle or the machinery for the great mass of people who know that something must be done" about reducing the size of government at all levels.

Debt Cited

"This country goes \$1.5 billion deeper in debt every week," Reagan said. "It must pay \$1 billion every 10 days for interest on the national debt." Reagan did not mention by name President Ford, his opponent for the GOP nomination, but he criticized Ford's firing of Defense Secretary James Schlesinger.

He said, "Schlesinger was the only solid voice" who protested what Reagan said were U. S. policies permitting major gains in armaments by the Soviet government.

"The Russians are outspending us by 60 per cent for nuclear weapons and are spending 25 per cent more for conventional weapons," Reagan said.

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"For defense, you spend what you have to spend. To any other power in the world you can never be second best."

Reagan answered questions from a group of 150 Nebraska Reagan supporters during a reception at the Holiday Inn, Seventy-second and Grover Streets. He was introduced by Milan Bish of Grand Island, former GOP state chairman and Reagan's Nebraska chairman.

Many in the crowd were former high officials in the Nebraska GOP, and all predicted in interviews that Reagan would sweep the state in the May 11 presidential primary.

Smiles Crack at Reagan Joke

Even a Secret Service man cracked a smile at one of Ronald Reagan's adroitly delivered jokes during his speech to the Nebraska Tax Research Council.

Reagan said a speech to the council about cost-cutting in government was like "saving souls in heaven," and he recalled a story about a hospitalized Irishman who was visited by a friend. "How are you?" the visitor asked three times. And each time the response from the man in bed was "what did you say?" Finally the visitor asked, "What's the matter? Are you deaf?" The man in bed replied, "I've been lying here six weeks without a drink and your breath is like a breeze from heaven."



Viewpoint: An interview by Ronald Reagan
November 10, 1975
(Reprint of a Radio Program entitled "The Russian Wheat Deal")

The Russians want to buy American wheat and American farmers want to sell their wheat. Anti-Communist waterfront workers don't want to load the wheat on foreign ships to carry it to Russia.

American consumers, with the experience of the previous wheat sale and high food prices in mind, are alarmed.

Please don't think I'm leading up to a pat answer to all these questions. It just isn't that easy. If we believe in a free market, shouldn't our farmers be allowed to sell their produce anywhere in the world for the best price they can get? To not allow this is to subsidize, and make available to our own consumers, low-priced food at the expense of our own farmers.

Not inconsistent with that philosophy, however, is our own interest in the matter of national security. If we believe the Soviet Union is hostile to the free world...and we must or we wouldn't be maintaining a nuclear defense and continuing in NATO...then are we not adding to our own danger by helping the troubled Soviet economy? But, isn't there also a moral issue? Are we not helping the Godless tyranny maintain its hold on millions of helpless people? Wouldn't those helpless victims have a better chance of becoming free if their slave masters collapsed economically? One thing is certain, the threat of hunger to the Russian people is due to the Soviet obsession with military power.

Nothing proves the failure of Marxism more than the Soviet Union's inability to produce weapons for its military ambitions and at the same time provide for their people's everyday needs. It only takes about four percent of our labor force to grow food for 211 million Americans and provide 80% of all the food shipped to the world's underdeveloped nations.

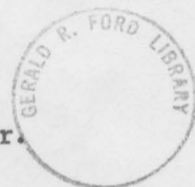
Fully one-third of Russia's workers are in agriculture and still they'd starve without our wheat. And the failure is not Russian, it is Communist, for every other country that has collectivized its agriculture has gone downhill in farm production.

Can America, alone, force the change to peaceful pursuits on Russia by refusing to sell, or would we have to persuade the other free nations to do the same? Following such a course, what would we do then about our farmers and the surplus they'd have on their hands?

The wheat deal is beneficial to us economically. Right now, with economic troubles and imbalance of trade, maybe it benefits us enough to outweigh the strategic factor. In other words, it strengthens us more than we'd be benefited by weakening them. But the moral question, in the long run, won't go away. The Soviet Union is an aggressor and a threat to world peace. It can remain so only by denying its people freedom and the basic commodities that make life worth living, which we take for granted.

The Russians have told us over and over again their goal is to impose their incompetent and ridiculous system on the world. We invest in armaments to hold them off, but what do we envision as the eventual outcome? Either that they see the fallacy of their way and give up their goal, or their system will collapse or (and we don't let ourselves think of this) we'll have to use our weapons one day.

Maybe there is an answer...we simply do what's morally right. Stop doing business with them. Let their system collapse, but meantime buy our farmers' wheat ourselves and have it on hand to feed the Russian people when they finally become free.



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ROBERT F. BENNETT
Governor

December 3, 1975

Mr. James H. Falk
Associate Director
Domestic Council
The White House
Washington, D. C.



Dear Jim:

I think the enclosed clippings illustrate the point of our discussion the other day on the phone. As I see it, in Kansas, he has three distinct problems. First and foremost is the wheat situation, secondly the New York situation which may level out, but the third and conceivably the most important is "common situs picketing." The enclosed poll was taken before the New York decision was announced and in advance of any decision on "common situs picketing." God knows what it would be like now.

Very sincerely,

Robert F. Bennett
Governor of Kansas

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MEMORANDUM FOR: BRENT SCOWCROFT
FROM: STEPHEN LOW
SUBJECT: Reagan's Meetings with Panamanian and Cuban Exile Leaders in Florida



I call your attention to the attached David Binder Sunday New York Times article describing Reagan's meetings with Arnulfo Arias and Manola Reyes in Boca Raton recently. The former was President of Panama before he was overthrown by Torrijos in 1968, and the latter is one of the hard-line Cuban exile leaders. As the article points out, the meeting marked a movement by Reagan beyond the Canal issue to identify himself with the cause of the exiled Dr. Arias and with the Cuban exiles who still seek to oust Castro. Phillip Harman is identified as Reagan's advisor on Panamanian affairs. One of the other participants in the meeting said that Reagan indicated he would like it if Arias and Reyes could assume political power in their homelands and indicated that Arias had assured Reagan that he would give to the U.S. a "softer" treaty if he returned to power.

A Ford Administration official is quoted as saying the White House and State Department were aware of the meeting and were "not pleased" because of the involvement of a private citizen in foreign policy.

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Attached is a New York Times article describing Reagan's meeting with the former President of Panama, Arnulfo Arias, who was deposed in 1968 after two weeks in office. The meeting was arranged by Phillip Harman. A source quoted as being familiar with the meeting said that Reagan had indicated he would like it if Arias could assume political power.

Also attached is a communique issued by the Presidency in Panama reporting that ten persons had been expelled from the country. The communique notes that the government has proof linking the group to "displaced politicians who have found encouragement in a US Presidential candidate."

Finally, there is attached a note from Phillip Harman denying that Reagan made any deal to help Arias.

What we have is a candidate for office meeting with and encouraging a deposed President of a foreign country who is widely regarded to be actively engaged in efforts to return to power. Furthermore, the government of that foreign country considers the involvement so serious that it took the unusual step of expelling a group of its own citizens from the country at least in part because of it.



Reagan Met Panamanian and Cuban Exile Leaders in Florida

By DAVID BINDER
Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. — Ronald Reagan, who is seeking the Republican Presidential nomination, had "a meeting of minds" with political exile leaders from Panama and Cuba last month, and expressed the hope that both countries soon "would have their freedom again," an aide said yesterday.

The meeting with Dr. Arnulfo Arias, a former president of Panama, and Manola Reyes, a Cuban anti-Castro activist, took place Nov. 3 in a hotel suite at Boca Raton, Fla. The meeting was listed on Mr. Reagan's press schedule that day but no one asked about its content.

It was arranged by Phillip Harman, a reclusive Californian who has dedicated himself to promoting the return to power of Dr. Arias and the crushing of the Panamanian government of Brig. Gen. Omar Torrijos Herrera.

Mr. Harman became an informal adviser to Mr. Reagan on the issue of the Panama Canal treaty last September, and the former California Governor has drawn on Mr. Harman's views for campaign speeches since then.

Mr. Reagan strongly opposes the efforts of the Ford Adminis-

tration to negotiate a new canal treaty with Panama, replacing the pact of 1903.

But with the Boca Raton meeting, Mr. Reagan has moved beyond the canal issue to identifying himself with the cause of the exiled Dr. Arias, who was ousted by a military coup in 1968, and with the Cuban exiles who still seek to oust Prime Minister Fidel Castro.

Administration 'Not Pleased'

An official of the Ford Administration said the White House and the State Department were aware of the Boca Raton meeting and were "not 'not pleased.'" because of what they consider the unpinging of a private citizen into the making of foreign policy.

In a telephone interview Peter D. Hannaford, one of Mr. Reagan's top campaign aides, said that the Presidential aspirant found he "shared several common goals" with Dr. Arias and Mr. Reyes, who is now a television commentator for the CBS affiliate in Miami.

Mr. Hannaford, who said he attended the Boca Raton meeting, said of Mr. Reagan:

"He certainly didn't pledge if elected to do anything for Arias or Reyes unless you construe a meeting of minds as a kind of pledge. The Govern-

nor expressed the hope that Panama and Cuba would have their freedom again before too many moons pass. They agreed in a broad sense. They have compatible opinions. They all agreed to do things along the same line and to keep in touch. They are all on the same side of the picture."

Mr. Reyes, 51-years-old, who headed a Miami-based group called Cubans of the Exile until he became an American citizen last summer, described the one-hour Boca Raton meeting as "very significant," but he refused to supply details. Dr. Arias, who is 74 years old, said through a spokesman that he, too, would not comment on the session.

The meeting was attended by two other Panamanian exiles, Hildebrando Nicosia, who

was minister of the President under Dr. Arias, and Manuel Jose Diez, an aide to the former Panamanian president.

"It was not a transactional meeting," Mr. Hannaford said from his Los Angeles office. "It was all very pleasant and cordial and Reyes and Arias thanked the Governor for his concern and spoke appreciatively of his views on the Panama and Cuba situations."

Another Latin-American exile familiar with the Boca Raton meeting said that Mr. Reagan had indicated he would like it if Dr. Arias and Mr. Reyes could assume political power in their homelands.

The exile, who asked not to be identified, said further that Dr. Arias had indicated to Mr. Reagan he would give the United States a "softer"

Panama Canal treaty if he returned to power.

Asked to comment on this allegation, Mr. Hannaford said: "Arias acknowledged that the American presence in Panama is a very important thing. But pledge would not be an accurate word. There were no quid pros."

Family Mobility Surveyed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (UPI)—One out of every five families moved between October 1972 and October 1973, according to a Government report. The survey, conducted by the Housing and Urban Development and Commerce Departments, said nearly 75 percent of the nation's families moved since 1960 and 40 percent of those moved between 1970 and 1973.



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December 19, 1975

Dear Mr. Brassil:

President Ford has asked me to thank you very much for your recent letter inviting him to make a joint television appearance with former Governor Reagan on WTVJ-TV next January 24th in Miami.

The President is most appreciative of your invitation to present his thoughts on key national issues to viewers in the important thirteen county area served by WTVJ-TV. Unfortunately, he has an unusually heavy schedule next month and will be spending nearly all of his time preparing the State of the Union message and the Budget Report to the Congress. As a result, there are no present plans for him to visit Florida.



We would like to keep your request under active consideration, however, in the unlikely event that the situation might change.

We sincerely appreciate your invitation, and in behalf of the President, please accept our warmest wishes to you and the staff of WTVJ-TV for a most happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

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Mr. William R. Brassil
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AFTER ARRIVING AT MANCHESTER'S MUNICIPAL AIRPORT; REAGAN ATTEMPTED TO HEAD OFF CRITICISM THAT HIS PROPOSAL FOR TRANSFERRING FEDERAL SOCIAL PROGRAMS TO THE STATES MIGHT MEAN HIGHER TAXES FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE VOTERS.

"THE PEOPLE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE; I UNDERSTAND; ARE WORRIED THAT I HAVE SOME DEVIOUS PLOT TO IMPOSE THE SALES OR INCOME TAX ON THEM; AND BELIEVE ME; I HAVE NO SUCH INTENTION. AND I DON'T THINK THERE IS ANY DANGER THAT NEW HAMPSHIRE IS GETTING ONE;" REAGAN SAID.

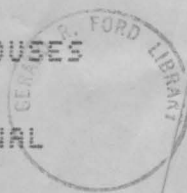
"IT ISN'T A \$90 BILLION BUDGET CUT; IT IS A TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS THAT NO LONGER BELONG AT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND NEVER BELONGED THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE;" HE SAID.

REAGAN THEN JOINED HIS STATE CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN IN A PRIVATE CAR FOR A 40-MILE DRIVE NORTH TO MOULTONBORO; HIS FIRST TOUR STOP.

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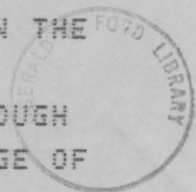
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IT WILL BE THE FIRST MAJOR TEST OF THE FORMER CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR WHO ANNOUNCED ON NOV. 20 THAT HE IS CHALLENGING FORD FOR THE REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION.

REAGAN IS COUNTING HEAVILY ON EARLY PRIMARY STATES; ESPECIALLY NEW HAMPSHIRE WITH ITS FEB. 24 ELECTION AND FLORIDA WHICH VOTES TWO WEEKS LATER. HE HOPES STRONG SHOWINGS WILL SWAY REPUBLIANS FROM FORD.

THE THREE DAYS HERE ARE PART OF A TWO-WEEK REAGAN TOUR COVERING 12,000 MILES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE; NORTH CAROLINA; FLORIDA; ILLINOIS AND WISCONSIN. NINE DAYS THIS MONTH WILL BE DEVOTED TO NEW HAMPSHIRE.

FORD WORKERS WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE PASSED REAGAN'S IN GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING RECENTLY; BUT REAGAN AIDES ARE RUNNING A TELEPHONE-MAILING EFFORT AIMED AT 90 PER CENT OF THE STATE'S GOP VOTERS.

REAGAN HAS THE SUPPORT OF BOTH GOV. MELDRIM THOMSON AND CONSERVATIVE NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER WILLIAM LOEB; WHOSE MANCHESTER UNION LEADER IS THE ONLY STATENIDE NEWSPAPER.

BUT FORD HAS THE ENDORSEMENT OF VIRTUALLY ALL THE STATE'S ELECTED REPUBLICAN OFFICIALS EXCEPT FOR THOMSON. SEVEN OF THE 13 COUNTY AND CITY PARTY HEADS POLLED BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS DURING THE WEEKEND SAID PARTY REGULARS IN THEIR AREAS FAVOR THE PRESIDENT.

WHILE REAGAN WILL BE IN THE STATE AT LEAST 15 DAYS; FORD IS EXPECTED TO VISIT ONLY TWO OR THREE TIMES AND; ACCORDING TO AIDES; HOPES TO SWAY VOTERS BY THE WAY HE CONDUCTS THE PRESIDENCY.

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HOUSE SPEAKER GEORGE ROBERTS CALLED THE PLAN "A SCHEME TO ATTRACT ATTENTION." HE SAID HE DOES NOT FORESEE HOW THE STATE COULD MAINTAIN ITS CURRENT LEVEL OF SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER THE REAGAN PROPOSAL.

SENATE PRESIDENT ALF JACOBSON SAID REAGAN'S BUDGET PLAN WAS FULL OF "BROAD GENERALITIES" AND HE URGED REAGAN TO EXPLAIN IT IN DETAIL DURING HIS VISITS TO THE STATE.

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MOULTONBOROUGH, N.H. (UPI) -- THE UNITED STATES SHOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPLY PRO WESTERN FORCES IN ANGOLA UNLESS THE SOVIET UNION WITHDRAWS FROM THE STRIFE-TORN AFRICAN COUNTRY, RONALD REAGAN SAID MONDAY NIGHT.

"I BELIEVE WE SHOULD DO EVERYTHING WE COULD TO PERSUADE THE SOVIET UNION THAT ALL OUTSIDERS SHOULD WITHDRAW," THE REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TOLD REPORTERS ABOARD HIS BUS AS HE BEGAN A THREE-DAY TOUR OF NORTHER NEW HAMPSHIRE.

"IF THEY DON'T, I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE TO KEEP ON SUPPLYING MATERIAL," HE SAID, BUT ADDED HER WOULD RULE OUT THE USE OF AMERICAN TROOPS.

"I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD GET INTO ANOTHER VIETNAM," HE SAID.

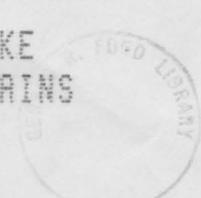
"DETENTE HAS BECOME A ONE-WAY STREET," REAGAN EARLIER TOLD A LION'S CLUB AUDIENCE, SUGGESTING THE UNITED STATES TELL RUSSIA "LET THEM (THE ANGOLANS) FIGHT IT OUT AMONG THEMSELVES OR HAVE US TO DEAL WITH."

REAGAN ALSO TOLD ABOUT 150 APPLAUDING LISTENERS HIS PROPOSAL TO SHIFT \$90 BILLION IN SERVICES FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO THE STATES WAS NOT INTENDED TO RAISE STATE TAXES.

"I HAVE NO INTENTION WITH ANYTHING THAT I HAVE PROPOSED THAT NEW HAMPSHIRE WOULD HAVE A SALES OR INCOME TAX," REAGAN TOLD ABOUT 150 APPLAUDING PERSONS AT A LIONS CLUB AS HE BEGAN A THREE-DAY CAMPAIGN SWING THROUGH NORTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

THE FORMER CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR KICKED OFF A TRIP THAT WILL TAKE HIM TO THE TINY HAMLETS THAT DOT NEW HAMPSHIRE'S ICY WHITE MOUNTAINS ON THE FIRST DAY OF A 15-DAY, 12,000 MILE CAMPAIGN SWING TO FIVE PRIMARY STATES.

REAGAN'S CAMPAIGN IS CONSIDERED THE MOST FORMIDABLE CONSERVATIVE BID FOR THE PRESIDENCY IN A DOZEN YEARS.



REAGAN AND FORD MEET HEAD-ON IN NEW HAMPSHIRE'S FIRST-IN-THE-NATION PRIMARY FEB. 24, WITH SUBSEQUENT SHOWDOWNS IN FLORIDA AND ILLINOIS.

FORD LAST WEEK VOWED TO FIGHT FOR THE GOP NOMINATION EVEN IF REAGAN CAPTURES EARLY PRIMARIES. "ANYONE WHO FORECASTS THAT I AM GOING TO QUIT IN MIDSTREAM DOESN'T KNOW JERRY FORD," THE PRESIDENT TOLD REPORTERS.

THE UNELECTED PRESIDENT FACES STIFF COMPETITION FROM THE 64-YEAR-OLD REAGAN IN NEW HAMPSHIRE. A FULL-TIME CANDIDATE, REAGAN PLANS A TOTAL OF 15 CAMPAIGN DAYS IN THE STATE TO OFFSET FORD'S APPARENTLY SUPERIOR ORGANIZATION AT THE TOWN LEVEL.

FORD LIEUTENANTS BANK ON A TEDIOUS ORGANIZATIONAL DRIVE, TOURS BY SURROGATES AND A LONE CAMPAIGN APPEARANCE BY THE PRESIDENT TO TRIM REAGAN'S SHOWING.

REAGAN JOURNEYED INTO THE REMOTE NORTH COUNTRY HOPING TO IMPROVE ON SEN. BARRY GOLDWATER'S SHOWING IN THE 1964 REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY.

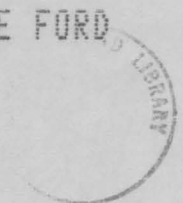
EVEN WITH THREE MODERATE RIVALS SCATTERING THE VOTE, GOLDWATER CARRIED NONE OF THE FOUR COUNTIES REAGAN PLANNED TO VISIT.

AS REAGAN FLEW INTO MANCHESTER AIRPORT AND HEADED INTO THE MOUNTAINS FOR THREE DAYS, FORD ALLIES SPREAD AN ICY WELCOME TO MATCH THE BLUSTERY, WINTER WEATHER.

FIVE HOURS BEFORE REAGAN WAS TO ARRIVE, LEGISLATIVE LEADERS DEMANDED AN EXPLANATION OF HIS PROPOSAL TO SHIFT \$90 BILLION OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS TO STATES. THE SCHEME THREATENS NEW HAMPSHIRE WITH ITS FIRST GENERAL SALES OR INCOME TAX, SAID HOUSE SPEAKER GEORGE ROBERTS AND SENATE PRESIDENT ALF JACOBSON, BOTH MEMBERS OF THE FORD ORGANIZATION.

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BY STEWART POWELL

MOULTONBOROUGH, N.H. (UPI) -- RONALD REAGAN SAID MONDAY HIS PROPOSAL TO SHIFT \$90 BILLION IN SERVICES FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO THE STATES WAS NOT INTENDED TO RAISE STATE TAXES.

"I HAVE NO INTENTION WITH ANYTHING THAT I HAVE PROPOSED THAT NEW HAMPSHIRE WOULD HAVE A SALES OR INCOME TAX," REAGAN TOLD ABOUT 150 APPLAUDING PERSONS AT A LIONS CLUB AS HE BEGAN A THREE-DAY CAMPAIGN SWING THROUGH NORTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE, REAGAN SAID THE TIME HAD COME TO MODIFY DETENTE WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

"DETENTE HAS BECOME A ONE-WAY STREET," REAGAN SAID, SUGGESTING THE UNITED STATES TELL RUSSIA TO STAY OUT OF ANGOLA AND WARN THE SOVIETS "LET THEM (THE ANGOLANS) FIGHT IT OUT AMONG THEMSELVES OR HAVE US TO DEAL WITH."

THE FORMER CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR KICKED OFF A TRIP THAT WILL TAKE HIM TO THE TINY HAMLETS THAT DOT NEW HAMPSHIRE'S ICY WHITE MOUNTAINS ON THE FIRST DAY OF A 15-DAY, 12,000 MILE CAMPAIGN SWING TO FIVE PRIMARY STATES.

REAGAN'S CAMPAIGN IS CONSIDERED THE MOST FORMIDABLE CONSERVATIVE BID FOR THE PRESIDENCY IN A DOZEN YEARS.

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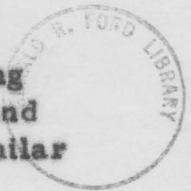
REAGAN, RONALD

January 8, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. JERRY JONES
FROM: TERRY O'DONNELL
SUBJECT: In House Reagan Tracking

Jerry, I recommend that this memorandum go along to Dick with the Gergen memorandum concerning research on the candidates.

I recommend that Foster ^XChanock be assigned the duty of analyzing on a day-to-day-basis all the press material available on Reagan and compiling a book on positions, weaknesses and contradictions similar to that done in 1972 on McGovern.



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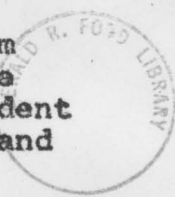
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January 8, 1976

Dear Malcolm:

Thank you for the advance look at your editorial concerning unfounded attacks on Bo Callaway. I did show it to the President, and he wanted you to know that he appreciates your understanding views.

It is very early in the campaign season, and I am sure before very long, Ex-Governor Reagan will be getting the same kind of scrutiny that the President has received from the Press over this past year and a half.



I am sure you know that, despite what you read and see on the television, the President has the utmost confidence in Bo Callaway, and believes that Bo has done a superb job organizing the campaign.

Thanks again for your thoughtfulness in sending the editorial. The President asked me to send you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

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Mr. Malcolm S. Forbes
President
X Forbes Magazine
60 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10011

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REAGAN, RONALD

January 10, 1976

Dear Congressman Cederberg:

Thank you for your letter to Max Friedersdorf concerning the WASHINGTON POST article of December 21 describing certain federal budget cuts advocated by Mr. Reagan. Max is in the Middle East with Chairman Morgan and in his absence I will have an answer prepared to the questions you raised in your letter.

As soon as this information is available I will send it to you.

Sincerely yours,

Robert K Wolhuis
Deputy to the Assistant
to the President

Honorable Elford A. Cederberg
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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bcc: Jerry Jones w/inc.
Judy Berg-Hansen - FYI



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PL / Reagan, Ronald

January 23, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. DICK CHENEY

FROM: TERRY O'DONNELL

SUBJECT: *Ronald* ^x Reagan Radio Announcements

Ex-Governor Reagan has purchased a five-week radio buy out of Boston involving 75-one minute radio spots per week for the first two or three weeks and then 150 spots a week for the last two weeks.

The spots began on January 20 and are primarily using the citizen's forum for the substance of the spot. For instance, an announcer comes on and says, "Last week in Manchester, a citizen asked this of Governor Reagan." Then the question -- about 30 seconds of answer -- followed by applause -- then the announcer comes on with the line that "Ronald Reagan will provide this nation the strong leadership it needs." By and large, these spots are well-produced.

This type of advertising is the type that was anticipated by Campaign '76. The thrust of the spots is the leadership issue, which plays to our weakness if you believe what the polls are saying.

Apparently, Reagan is also buying radio time in Poland Springs, Maine, which covers Northern New Hampshire and Manchester. Campaign '76 has no information on this buy.

cc: Mr. Jones

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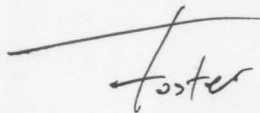
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Note how carefully
worded these statements are.


Foster



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February 2, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

PETER KAYE

FROM:

FRED SLIGHT

SUBJECT:

Reagan's Statements on Grain
Sales

I have received a considerable number of calls, especially from our Midwest people, in the last several weeks concerning Reagan's position or public statements on grain sales.

As best as I can determine, Reagan's comments have been generally vague and non-descript. When a small controversy arose over his flirtation with grain stockpiling, he allegedly denied holding any such viewpoint. In any event, here is a brief synopsis of what I have been able to dig up.

Case #1

In his speech in Houston before the Southern Republican Leadership Conference, Reagan discussed the morality of selling grain to the Soviet Union at a time when they continue to outspend the United States on armaments.

"Would they, without our help, have to abandon arms building in order to feed their people or face the possibility of an uprising and revolution by a desperate and hungry populace? If the answer to this is yes, then we are faced with a question of national security and pure moral principle. If our decision is on the side of morality and security, we cannot ask the farmer to bear the full burden. We, as a nation, would have to think of his produce as a part of national defense and be prepared to offer a market for what he raises. Perhaps it could even be stored for future sale when and if the Soviet chooses real detente and abandons its buildup of offensive weapons."

Reagan Speech Excerpt,
Houston, Texas 12/13/75

Case #2

In an interview in Omaha, Nebraska with a World-Herald newsman, Reagan again raised the question of the United States grain trade with both the Soviet Union and Communist China. Reagan said that we should continue to evaluate whether we are "aiding them in enslaving their own people" as well as captive satellite nations.

Reagan went on to say that if U.S. agricultural exports are stopped to Russia and China, "we should not let the American farmer take the rap." The U.S. government would have to return to a system of buying farm surplus.

World Herald 12/3/75

Case #3

According to a story in the L.A. Times by Richard Bergholz, Reagan stated that any lever was sufficient to pry the Russians out of Angola, including the sale of wheat. Although he revised this statement once, he then returned to the stand that "any lever is sufficient" to remove the Russians from interference in Angola.

Los Angeles Times
1/7/76

cc: Bo Callaway
Stu Spencer

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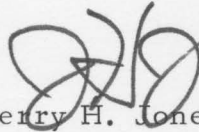
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February 3, 1976

MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached as you requested are Reagan's views on the right to work laws.



Jerry H. Jones

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February 5, 1976

MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached as you requested are Reagan's views on
the right to work laws.

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James H. Baker

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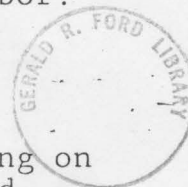
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REAGAN STATEMENTS ON RIGHT TO WORK

THE PRESIDENT HAS SAID . . .

1. How to Cope with C.O.P.E, page 364
"As an officer of the Screen Actors Guild, Reagan had campaigned against a state law with his union saying 'right to work' can wreck your Guild and rob you of your professional benefits'".
2. page 365
"...Reagan backed the efforts of farm workiers to organize in a union, with the understood stipulation that these workers would not be able to tak any anction preventing the harvesting of peris-able crops."
3. "I am not out to destroy unions. I believe in organized labor."
Ronald Reagan speaking at fund raising dinner, Sacramento
Sacramento Bee 4/26/66
4. "Union men should have the right to a secret ballot on voting on internal affairs of their organizations," Ronald Reagan said.
"They should not have to stand up in public and announce choices which may bring on them the displeasure of the union bosses."
Speech Rohr Aircraft Corporation, Riverside, California; as quoted from the Chicago Tribune 10/14/66
5. "Unions would be better off if their membership was voluntary."
Editorial, Ronald Reagan Los Angeles Times 2/1/66
6. "I Support Section 14b (of Taft Hartley Act) permitting states to out-law the union shop."
Los Angeles Times Ronald Reagan 2/1/66
7. "I have always supported the principal of the union shop even tho that includes a certain amount of complusion with regard to union membership.
Ronald Reagan Inaugural Message 1/5/67
8. "I was then and continue to be a strong believer in the rights of unions as well as the rights of indivituals. I think we have the right as freee men to refuse to work for just grievences: the strike is an inalienable weapon of any citizen."
Ronald Reagan from his book Where's The Rest of Me, chaper 9



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He (Reagan) said he is torn about whether there should be right-to-work-laws forbidding compulsory union shops.

"The right for a man to make a living without joining a union is fine, but there are employees who would take advantage of this. I know many union people feel they have made great gains in working conditions while non-union people get a free ride."

Ronald Reagan reception in San Francisco as reported in the Los Angeles Times 1/23/66



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February 13, 1976

Dear Ed:

Many thanks for sending along a copy of your comments pertaining to foreign policy statements by Governor Reagan.

I am sure the President will be intensely interested in your comments, and I will bring it to his attention without delay.

With cordial regard.

Sincerely,

Max

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President



Honorable Edward J. Derwinski
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

P.S. You have scored heavily in the brownie point division!

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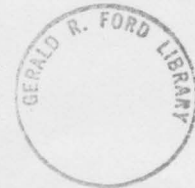
February 13, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *M.L.F.*
SUBJECT: M.C. John Anderson (R-ILL)

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John Anderson inserted the attached comments in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in response to Reagan's recent foreign policy statement.



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February 13, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *M.L.F.*
SUBJECT: M.C. Ed Derwinski (R-ILL)
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Ed Derwinski attacked Reagan's recent foreign policy statement and sends along the attached press release for the President's attention.



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February 17, 1976

Dear Steve:

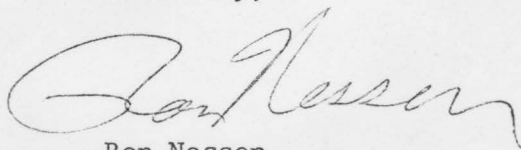
Thank you for your thoughtfulness in taking the time to send a suggestion on how President Ford can better present his views in the campaign against Ronald Reagan.

You can be assured that I will bring up this suggestion at our next strategy meeting or preparation session for the next Presidential News Conference.

Last weekend, during a campaign trip to Florida, the President made remarks somewhat along the lines you suggest in pointing out his life long conservatism and especially pointing out that he has had 27 years of experience including 18 months in the White House in translating his conservative philosophy into concrete day-to-day decisions.

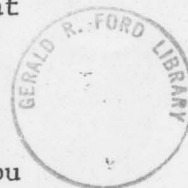
Again, thank you for the idea. It will be helpful. I hope you will feel free to communicate any other ideas on the campaign. We can use all the help we can get!

Sincerely,



Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Steve Allen
15201 Burbank Boulevard
Suite B
Van Nuys, California 91411



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February 18, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *M.L.*

SUBJECT: Senators Hugh ^XScott/Chuck ^XPercy

Senator Hugh Scott issued a statement defending the President's foreign policy after the Reagan attack.

Senator Percy has also sent along a clipping in which he denounces Reagan.

Both are attached for the President's information.



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February 24, 1976

Dear Peter:

This will acknowledge receipt today of your
February 21 Mailgram to the President.

Please be assured I shall call your message
promptly to the President's attention.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Vernon C. Loen
Deputy Assistant
to the President



The Honorable Peter A. Peyser
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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BY RICHARD H. GROWALD

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- AN ELATED PRESIDENT FORD BELIEVES HIS NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARY WIN WILL PROPEL HIM TO A STRING OF VICTORIES OVER RONALD REAGAN AND FIRST BALLOT NOMINATION AT THE GOP NATIONAL CONVENTION, PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN SAID WEDNESDAY.

"HE WILL HAVE A CLEAR MAJORITY OF DELEGATES AND ENOUGH TO WIN WELL BEFORE THE NOMINATING CONVENTION," NESSEN TOLD REPORTERS AFTER NEW HAMPSHIRE RETURNS SHOWED FORD DEFEATED REAGAN BY ABOUT 51 TO 49 PER CENT.

ASKED WHETHER FORD NOW THINKS HE WILL WIN A FIRST BALLOT PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION AT THE AUGUST PARTY CONVENTION, NESSEN SAID: "YES."

HE SAID THE PRESIDENT WENT TO BED TUESDAY NIGHT WHEN NEWS REPORTS WERE STILL SAYING REAGAN HELD A SLIM LEAD, GOT UP AS USUAL AT 5:30 A.M., SNAPPED ON HIS RADIO AND LEARNED HE HAD TURNED THE TIDE.

HE WAS SO "DELIGHTED," NESSEN SAID, THAT HE MADE AN IMPROMPTU APPEARANCE AT A WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEETING, GOT A STANDING OVATION AND CALLED HIS VICTORY "A GREAT SPRINGBOARD" TO ELECTION.

NESSEN AND OTHER FORD SPOKESMEN MADE CLEAR THEY ARE NOT BUYING REAGAN'S CLAIM TO A "MORAL VICTORY" OVER THE INCUMBENT PRESIDENT IN THE CLOSEST NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARY RACE EVER.

THEY SAID REAGAN SPENT FAR MORE TIME STUMPING THE STATE THAN FORD AND THAT GOV. MELDRIM THOMSON, A REAGAN BOOSTER, PREDICTED THE FORMER CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR WOULD GET 55 PER CENT OF THE VOTE.

"IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE REAGAN'S BEST STATE IN THE NORTH AND HE COULDN'T WIN IT," NESSEN SAID.

"IT'S SWINGING THE PRESIDENT'S WAY AND WILL CONTINUE TO SWING HIS WAY," THROUGH PRIMARY VICTORIES IN MASSACHUSETTS MARCH 2, FLORIDA -- ANOTHER SUPPOSED REAGAN STRONGHOLD -- MARCH 9 AND OTHER MAJOR CONTENTS.

"HE BELIEVES IT HAS STARTED HIM ON THE ROAD TO VICTORY," NESSEN SAID.

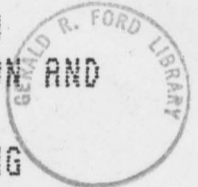
HE QUOTED FORD AS TELLING HIS SENIOR AIDES: "IF WE WIN A COUPLE MORE (PRIMARIES), AND I THINK WE WILL, WE WILL BE READY FOR THE FINALS (THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS) AND I THINK WE WILL WIN THERE TOO."

FORD CALLED HIS POLITICAL LIEUTENANTS TO A WHITE HOUSE STRATEGY MEETING LATE WEDNESDAY, BUT NESSEN SAID FORD DOES NOT EXPECT TO CHANGE HIS CAMPAIGN STYLE -- WHICH HAS BEEN TO ACT AND LOOK LIKE AN INCUMBENT PRESIDENT CONDUCTING THE NATION'S BUSINESS.

FORD OPENS THE NEXT ROUND OF HIS PRIMARY BATTLE AGAINST REAGAN SATURDAY WHEN HE FLIES TO MIAMI FOR TWO DAYS OF FLORIDA PRIMARY CAMPAIGNING.

NESSEN SAID FORD "DOES NOT BELIEVE HE WILL WIN EVERY PRIMARY," BUT ADDED, "FLORIDA IS NOT ONE THE PRESIDENT EXPECTS TO LOSE."

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

C. W. Bill Young

I Thought you
might be
interested in
this!



Bob

(RECYCLED PAPER)

2-28-76

WHITE HOUSE WATCH
(FOR WEEKEND RELEASE)
BY TED KNAP

SCRIPPS HOWARD STAFF WRITER

WASHINGTON, FEB. 28 -- PRESIDENT FORD HAS THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION
IN THE BAG.

BARRING SOME UNFORESEEN EVENT OF MAJOR PROPORTION; THERE IS NO WAY
RONALD REAGAN CAN BEAT HIM. IT WILL BE ALL OVER AFTER THE ILLINOIS
PRIMARY MAR. 16.

THAT IS THE OVERWHELMING; PRACTICALLY UNANIMOUS OPINION OF
REPUBLICAN PARTY OFFICIALS IN KEY STATES.

IT IS SHARED BY THIS POLITICAL WRITER.

EVEN THE PRO-REAGANITES LIKE MISSISSIPPI STATE CHAIRMAN CLARKE REED
AND TEXAS NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN FRED AGNICH SAID THE TIDE HAS TURNED
AGAINST THE FORMER GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA; AND IT WILL BE EXTREMELY
DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO KNOCK OFF THE PRESIDENT.

REAGAN'S FAILURE TO BEAT FORD IN THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARY WAS
UNDERESTIMATED BY MOST OF THE NEWS MEDIA; THE REPUBLICAN PROS TOLD
THIS REPORTER DURING THEIR TWO-DAY MEETING HERE THIS WEEKEND.

"THE VOTE WAS CLOSE; BUT FORD WON; AND THAT'S WHAT COUNTS," SAID
FORMER NATIONAL CHAIRMAN HERBERT G. BROWNELL. "FORD GOT 17 DELEGATES
IN NEW HAMPSHIRE AND REAGAN GOT ONLY FOUR. YOU CAN'T BEAT AN
INCUMBENT BY COMING IN SECOND OR EVEN WINNING AN OCCASIONAL
PRIMARY."

EARLIER; FORD HAD WON ALL 19 DELEGATES FROM HAWAII; MAKING HIS LEAD
AT LEAST 36 TO 4. HE ALSO HAS THE LEAD IN THE IOWA AND MINNESOTA
CAUCUSES; WHICH HAVE NOT FINALLY APPORTIONED THEIR DELEGATES.

THE NEXT PRIMARY IS TUESDAY IN MASSACHUSETTS; WITH 43 DELEGATES.
REPUBLICAN STATE CHAIRMAN JOHN W. SEARS SAID HE EXPECTS FORD TO WIN
55 PER CENT OF THE VOTES AND DELEGATES.

REAGAN'S NATIONAL CAMPAIGN MANAGER; JOHN C. SEARS (NO RELATION)
CONCEDED THAT FORD WILL LEAD IN THE BAY STATE.

THE NEXT CRUCIAL CONTEST IS IN FLORIDA MARCH 9; WITH 66 DELEGATES.

MRS. PAULA F. HAWKINS; THE CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL
COMMITTEEWOMAN FROM THE SUNSHINE STATE; SAID: "TWO MONTHS AGO IT WAS
2 TO 1 FOR REAGAN. A MONTH AGO IT WAS CLOSER BUT STILL REAGAN. RIGHT
NOW; IT'S CLOSE WITH A SLIGHT EDGE TO FORD."

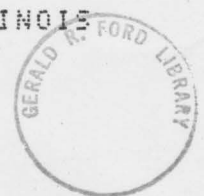
FLORIDA STATE REPUBLICAN CHAIRMAN BILL TAYLOR SAID: "REAGAN HAS
SLOWED DOWN AND FORD PICKED UP. I THINK THE PRESIDENT IS AHEAD
NOW."

EVEN IF REAGAN WINS A CLOSE ONE IN FLORIDA; IT WOULD BE ONLY A
TEMPORARY SETBACK FOR FORD IN A REGION WHICH IS STRONGLY
CONSERVATIVE.

Ron - FGI

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Honorable Rogers C.B. Morton
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Rog:

After our telephone conversation last Friday, I put out the enclosed press release to papers in Massachusetts. Also enclosed is an interview I had over the weekend with the Springfield newspapers and which ran in the Springfield Republican.

Hope this is the kind of information you wanted me to put out.
With warm personal regards, I am

Cordially yours

Silvio O. Conte
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Member of Congress

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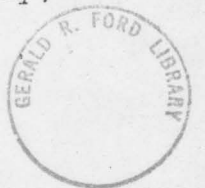
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RADIO ACTUALITY - PHONED TO ILLINOIS/FLORIDA RADIO STATIONS ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 1976

ANNCR: Common Cause President David Cohen has charged that Ronald Reagan has still not given anything approaching full disclosure of his personal finances. In Washington, D.C., today, Mr. Cohen had this to say about Reagan:



COHEN: Common Cause has called on Ronald Reagan to quit sidestepping the question of full personal financial disclosure.

Reagan is the one major party candidate who has not adequately disclosed.

Reagan did not break down his income and tax figures by year. He failed to itemize sources and amounts of income. And he lumped federal, state and local taxes together so no one can make any distinction between them.

It's a far cry from adequate disclosure and Reagan knows it.

Common Cause believes that Reagan's partial disclosure raises serious questions about his candor. Reagan should come clean and match the other Presidential candidates by disclosing fully.

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BY DAVE GOLDBERG

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BIRCH BAYH ALL BUT LEFT THE CROWDED DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL FIELD THURSDAY AND SARGENT SHRYVER SAID HE WAS CONSIDERING IT. BOTH SAID THEIR MONEY, THE CRUCIAL COMMODITY THAT FUELS ALL CAMPAIGNS, HAD BEGUN TO RUN OUT.

BAYH ANNOUNCED IN NEW YORK THAT HE IS SUSPENDING ACTIVE CAMPAIGNING, A STEP JUST SHORT OF WITHDRAWAL, BECAUSE THE NEW HAMPSHIRE AND MASSACHUSETTS PRIMARIES DEPLETED HIS TREASURY AND HIS POOR SHOWINGS DISCOURAGED FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS.

SHRYVER, THE PARTY'S 1972 VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, SAID IN CHICAGO THAT HE IS SHORT OF FUNDS AND WILL HAVE TO RELY ON VOLUNTEERS IN THE MARCH 16 ILLINOIS PRIMARY RATHER THAN A FULL-BLAST MEDIA CAMPAIGN THAT HE CAN'T AFFORD. HE SAID IF HE LOSES IN ILLINOIS, HE MIGHT CONSIDER THE BAYH ALTERNATIVE.

THERE WAS ONE OTHER POLITICAL DROPOUT THURSDAY - SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MIKE MANSFIELD, WHO ANNOUNCED IN WASHINGTON THAT HE IS RETIRING FROM POLITICS AFTER 34 YEARS IN CONGRESS.

THERE WAS ALSO A NEW TWIST TO THE REPUBLICAN RACE BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND RONALD REAGAN. FOLLOWING THE ADVICE OF SOME OF HIS CONSERVATIVE ADVISERS, REAGAN BEGAN ATTACKING FORD'S FOREIGN POLICY IN A BREAK WITH WHAT POLITICIANS LIKE TO CALL THE 11TH COMMANDMENT - THOU SHALT NOT SPEAK ILL OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SAME PARTY.

IN A STATEMENT RELEASED IN WASHINGTON AND MADE IN ORLANDO, FLA., WHERE HE IS CAMPAIGNING IN PREPARATION FOR NEXT TUESDAY'S FLORIDA PRIMARY, REAGAN SAID THAT FORD AND SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER SHARE THE BLAME FOR A SITUATION IN WHICH THE NATION HAS BECOME NO. 2 IN MILITARY POWER IN A WORLD WHERE IT IS DANGEROUS - IF NOT FATAL - TO BE SECOND BEST.

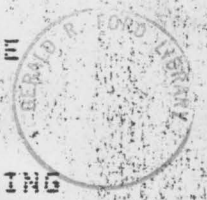
AS FOR DETENTE, REAGAN ASKED: WHAT HAS THE UNITED STATES GOTTEN IN RETURN OTHER THAN SOVIET BELLIGERENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, SOVIET DUPLICITY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND SOVIET IMPERIALISM IN SOUTH-CENTRAL AFRICA?

DESPITE MR. FORD'S EVIDENT DECENCY, HONESTY AND PATRIOTISM, HE HAS SHOWN NEITHER THE WISDOM NOR THE LEADERSHIP NECESSARY TO HALT AND REVERSE THE DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY DECLINE OF THE UNITED STATES. THAT IS THE TRUTH, AND EVEN THOSE OF US WHO LIKE GERALD FORD AS A PERSON KNOW IT IS THE TRUTH.

REAGAN REPORTEDLY HAS BEEN UNDER PRESSURE FROM ADVISERS TO TAKE THE GLOVES OFF IN HIS BATTLE TO UNSEAT FORD. THE PRESSURE HAS BECOME MORE ACUTE SINCE FORD NARROWLY DEFEATED REAGAN IN THE FEB. 24 NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARY AND THEN NON-PRIMARIES LAST TUESDAY IN MASSACHUSETTS AND VERMONT.

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March 16, 1976

Dear Jack:

This is no big deal, but in the interest of accuracy, I thought I might as well call it to your attention.

The night of the Massachusetts primary, you mentioned that the President had spent about \$200,000 in Massachusetts, while Reagan had spent little or nothing.

As you probably noticed in the financial reports published by the Federal Election Commission yesterday, Reagan actually spent \$130,000 in Massachusetts, while the President spent only \$86,000.

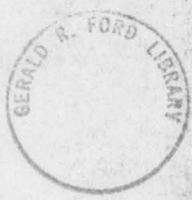
Perhaps in some future "Editor's Notebook" you might want to set the record straight.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Ron Nessen
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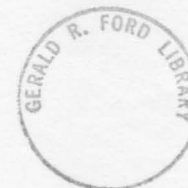
OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

March 24, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR JIM CANNON

FROM: JACK VENEMAN

SUBJECT: Reagan Position on California Proposition 15



1. February 23: Concord, New Hampshire

Reagan opposed California nuclear initiative which will be Proposition 15 on June 8 primary ballot. "I will do everything I can to defeat that measure", Reagan told the citizens news conference.

2. February 29: Florida

Talking about energy, Ronald Reagan urged all Americans Saturday to give up "their almost superstitious fear" of nuclear power generation which he described as the ultimate answer to the energy shortage. However, words on the energy problem were aimed far beyond the Florida borders and were particularly applicable to his home state, California, where an initiative will enable the citizens by ballot to say they do or don't want nuclear power plants.

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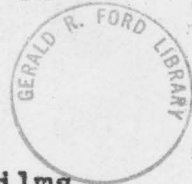
March 30, 1976

Dear Bob:

As I discussed with you over the telephone, Adrian Weiss Productions would like to receive a waiver from President Ford of his rights under Section 315 of the Communications Act. The purpose of this waiver is to eliminate any claim to equal time on the part of the President that might arise from the use of broadcast facilities to show two of Ronald Reagan's old movies which are owned by Adrian Weiss Productions.

Enclosed are copies of letters received from the Productions firm. The information sheet describing the two pictures was not enclosed, but I learned by telephone that the titles of the two films are:

"Cattle Queen of Montana"
"Tennessee's Partner"



I assume the titles say enough about the nature of the films. I would think it appropriate to grant the requested waiver, but I think this is a matter for the President Ford Committee to dispose of by an appropriate recommendation to the President, and, if a waiver is recommended, a form of letter for the President to sign.

Enclosed also is a copy of a 1966 Federal Communication Commission's letter which deals with the subject of Section 315 waivers.

I believe Mr. Weiss would appreciate a prompt response from you.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Robert Visser
General Counsel
President Ford Committee
1828 L Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

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March 31, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. JERRY JONES
FROM: TERRY O'DONNELL
SUBJECT: Campaign - Media

The attached article about Reagan's efforts in North Carolina is most interesting. All indications are that his 30-minute television speech which was played on North Carolina stations made a big difference. Apparently, he got 15 stations to air the show during the final four days of the North Carolina campaign for \$10,000.

This is a terrific bargain and I would think that we might want to consider producing a good documentary or a good five-minute, fifteen-minute, or thirty minute speech to be aired frequently on non-prime time local stations throughout primary states.



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