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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

DEBATES

THE PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW WHERE I
STAND ON THE ISSUES AND WHERE MY OPPONENT STANDS.
WE BOTH HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO CLEARLY STATE
OUR POSITIONS ON THE ISSUES IN DETAIL.

IN MY ACCEPTANCE SPEECH I CHALLENGED MR.
CARTER TO A SERIES OF DEBATES.

I AM ANXIOUS TO BEGIN. I BELIEVE THE FIRST
DEBATE SHOULD BE A DAY OR TWO AFTER LABOR DAY.

THERE SHOULD BE FOUR DEBATES ALTOGETHER.

I BELIEVE EACH DEBATE SHOULD LAST A MINIMUM
OF 90 MINUTES . APPROPRIATE SUBJECTS ARE:

NATIONAL DEFENSE, FOR THE
FIRST ONE, THEN

DOMESTIC POLICY

FOREIGN POLICY, AND

ECONOMIC POLICY