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~~THE~~ PRESIDENT HAS SEEN . . .

GOP FUNDRAISER - LOS ANGELES

OCTOBER 7, 1976

THANK YOU, BOB.

GOVERNOR REAGAN

MRS. REAGAN

HOLMES TUTTLE

MARGARET BROCK

CARDINAL MANNING

RABBI MAGNIN

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AT 22 DINNERS ACROSS THE LAND

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

IT'S BEEN SEVEN WEEKS SINCE KANSAS CITY.

WE'VE GOT THE ISSUES, WE'VE GOT THE MOMENTUM, AND  
WE'VE GOT LESS THAN FOUR WEEKS TO WIN A GREAT VICTORY FOR  
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

I SAID IN KANSAS CITY THAT WE WOULDN'T CONCEDE A SINGLE  
VOTE OR A SINGLE STATE AND WE HAVEN'T. GOVERNOR

REAGAN AND I ARE TEAMING UP ~~TO~~ TO SAY WE'RE GOING TO CARRY

CALIFORNIA WITH ITS 45 ELECTORAL VOTES, ELECT A REPUBLICAN

SENATOR AND A NUMBER OF NEW CONGRESSMEN AMERICA CAN BE

PROUD OF.

I TOLD YOU IN KANSAS CITY THAT I WAS READY AND EAGER

TO DEBATE MR. CARTER FACE TO FACE ON THE REAL ISSUES.

I STILL AM, IF YOU CAN EVER PIN HIM DOWN. I DON'T

THINK HE KNOWS WHAT THE REAL ISSUES ARE.

*We've*  
~~WE HAVE~~ HEARD A LOT OF DOUBLE-TALK FROM MR. CARTER,

A LOT OF CONVERSATION, A LOT OF IRRESPONSIBLE PROMISES.

I STILL DON'T KNOW WHERE MR. CARTER STANDS ON MOST ISSUES.

I'M NOT SURE HE DOES.

I CAN SYMPATHIZE WHEN HE SAYS HE'LL HAVE TO TAKE

A FEW YEARS TO STUDY THE PROBLEMS AND GET ALL THE FACTS.

THAT'S REASONABLE, LET'S GIVE MR. CARTER A FEW MORE YEARS

TO PREPARE HIMSELF BUT NOT ON THE TAXPAYER'S TIME.

YOU KNOW WHAT I'LL DO BECAUSE YOU KNOW WHAT I'VE

DONE FOR THE PAST 26 MONTHS.

YOU KNOW WHERE WE WERE THEN AND YOU KNOW WHERE

WE ARE NOW AT PEACE, RECOVERING FROM RECESSION,

REBUILDING PRIDE IN AMERICA'S 200 YEARS OF FREEDOM.

YOU KNOW WHAT I HAVE DONE AS PRESIDENT DESPITE THE  
*blockade*  
~~PARTISAN OBSTRUCTION~~ OF A CONGRESS STACKED 2-TO-1  
AGAINST ME.

WE HEARD BEFORE THE CONVENTION THAT OUR PARTY  
WAS SICK AND DYING. NOW WE HEAR THE VOTERS ARE OVERCOME  
WITH APATHY AND DON'T REALLY CARE WHO WINS.

I DON'T BELIEVE THAT.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DO CARE, THEY DO HAVE A CLEAR  
CHOICE. ~~AND~~ OUR JOB IS TO GET THEM TO THE POLLS NOVEMBER 2  
TO REGISTER THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR OUR COUNTRY.

~~THIS ELECTION ISN'T JUST A TELEVISED QUIZ SHOW TO SEE  
WHICH CONTESTANT GETS TO LIVE IN THE WHITE HOUSE FOR THE  
NEXT FOUR YEARS.~~

MAKE NO MISTAKE: THIS ELECTION IS ABOUT THE DIRECTION  
AMERICA WILL TAKE IN ITS THIRD CENTURY OF INDEPENDENCE.

MR. CARTER MAY BE DEFICIENT ON DETAILS, BUT THE  
GENERAL DIRECTION OF HIS PHILOSOPHY IS VERY PLAIN - IT IS  
*unstable, it is unreliable / it won't work because*  
~~THE SAME DIRECTION THE LIBERAL WING OF HIS PARTY HAS LED US~~  
*it hasn't worked*  
~~DOWN FOR THE LAST 44 YEARS.~~



DON'T FORGET, ~~HIS PARTY HAS CONTROLLED CONGRESS~~  
~~AND WRITTEN ALL THE LAWS FOR 40 OF THOSE 44 YEARS.~~  
THAT'S REALLY WHAT'S WRONG IN WASHINGTON!

MR. CARTER WANTS MORE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

I WANT LESS.

MR. CARTER WANTS HIGHER FEDERAL TAXES FOR  
MIDDLE-INCOME TAXPAYERS. I WANT LOWER TAXES FOR  
EVERYBODY, ESPECIALLY THE <sup>overloaded</sup> ~~OVERBURDENED~~ MAN-IN-THE-MIDDLE.

MR. CARTER WANTS LESS DEFENSE INSURANCE. I WANT  
THE STRONGEST AND BEST MILITARY CAPABILITY MONEY CAN <sup>science +</sup> ~~BUY~~ <sup>provide</sup>.

MR. CARTER WANTS TO REDUCE OUR COMMITMENTS TO OUR

ALLIES.

*must*  
I ~~WANT TO~~ MAINTAIN AMERICA'S WORLD LEADERSHIP

FOR PEACE

*and freedom*

*serious* THESE ARE REAL DIFFERENCES, *real* SERIOUS CHOICES TO BE MADE.

MR. CARTER AND HIS PARTY'S PLATFORM CHART ONE COURSE

FOR THIS COUNTRY; NO MATTER HOW HE ZIGS ~~AND~~ ZAGS, THERE'S

NO DOUBT WHERE HE WANTS TO GO.

THE DIRECTION MR. CARTER WOULD TAKE US IS THE SAME ONE  
THAT BROUGHT US DOUBLE-DIGIT INFLATION, A TAX LOAD THAT  
*kills*  
~~STIFLES~~ INITIATIVE ~~AND~~ SLOWS ECONOMIC EXPANSION, A SLOWDOWN  
IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND OPPRESSIVE INTERFERENCE BY A  
KNOW-IT-ALL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

*want*  
I STAND FOR A NEW DIRECTION.      A DIRECTION *with* FOR MORE  
FREEDOM.

*cut*  
THIS YEAR MY BUDGET ~~REDUCED~~ THE RATE OF GOVERNMENT  
GROWTH BY HALF.      CONGRESS *added to* ~~EXCEEDED~~ IT BY MORE THAN  
18 BILLION DOLLARS.      DESPITE THE ~~WASTEFUL~~ EXTRAVAGANCE  
BY THE MAJORITY IN CONGRESS, I WILL SUBMIT A BALANCED BUDGET  
IN 1978.

I HAVE CUT 11,000 JOBS FROM THE FEDERAL BUREAUCRACY•

NEXT YEAR, WITH A BETTER CONGRESS, I WILL MAKE OUR

GOVERNMENT MORE RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE TO YOU THE

TAXPAYERS•

MY 59 VETOES SAVED THE AMERICAN TAXPAYERS *over*

9.2 BILLION DOLLARS; MR. CARTER CONSTANTLY CRITICIZES•

IF HIS PARTY'S CONGRESS HAD NOT OVERRIDDEN 12 OF MY VETOES,

I WOULD HAVE SAVED ALL OF YOU 16 BILLION DOLLARS MORE•

FOR THE MIDDLE INCOME TAXPAYERS THAT WOULD HAVE SAVED THEM

200 DOLLARS PER FAMILY•

WHEN I SAY I STAND FOR SMALLER GOVERNMENT, MY  
PERFORMANCE PROVES IT. MR. CARTER SAYS HE IS FOR  
REFORMING AND REORGANIZING BUREAUCRACY, BUT HIS  
PERFORMANCE TELLS A FAR DIFFERENT STORY. ~~DON'T TAKE~~  
~~IT FROM ME~~ -- ASK YOUR FRIENDS IN GEORGIA!

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'LL GET FROM A LIBERAL ~~DEMOCRATIC~~  
PRESIDENT AND ANOTHER 2-TO-1 LIBERAL CONGRESS?

ONE GUARANTEE - YOU CERTAINLY WILL GET MORE SPENDING  
AND BIGGER DEFICITS.

AND, YOU CAN DEPEND ON THAT.

ANOTHER THING YOU WILL GET IS MORE RUNAWAY INFLATION•

YOU CERTAINLY WON'T GET LOWER FEDERAL TAXES•

YOU WON'T GET LESS FEDERAL GOVERNMENT•

SO, THE CHOICE BEFORE OUR COUNTRY IS CLEAR•

YOU KNOW WHERE I STAND•

*As dedicated American*

AS REPUBLICANS, WE ARE NOT MOTIVATED BY THE LOVE

OF GOVERNMENTAL POWER BUT BY THE FEAR OF IT.

*concern +*

*2'm talking about*  
~~WE SPEAK~~

~~FOR~~ THOSE WHO WORK HARD, PAY THEIR TAXES, OBEY THE LAWS,

AND WANT TO ENJOY THEIR GOD-GIVEN LIBERTIES.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO A POLICY OF PEACE THROUGH

STRENGTH IN A WORLD WHERE FREEDOM IS STILL THREATENED

BY AGGRESSORS WHO WOULD DESTROY OUR FREEDOM. THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MUST REMAIN NUMBER ONE!

I KNOW HOW DEEPLY ALL OF YOU ARE DEVOTED TO THESE  
PRINCIPLES• I THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEADFAST SUPPORT•

BUT THERE IS ONE MORE EFFORT I ~~MUST~~ ASK OF YOU•

REPUBLICANS ALONE CANNOT WIN THIS ELECTION• THE  
PRINCIPLES WE HOLD ARE JUST AS DEAR TO MILLIONS OF OUR  
FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WHO PREFER TO BE DEMOCRATS OR  
INDEPENDENTS•



BETWEEN NOW AND NOVEMBER 2, I ASK EVERY REPUBLICAN  
TO PERSUADE JUST ONE INDEPENDENT AND ONE DEMOCRAT  
TWO CONCERNED CITIZENS WHO FEEL AS WE DO ABOUT THE NEW  
DIRECTION THIS COUNTRY MUST TAKE - TO GO TO THE POLLS  
AND VOTE THEIR TRUE CONVICTIONS.

IF YOU DO THIS - PERSON-TO-PERSON AND FRIEND TO  
FRIEND -- WE CAN WIN AND WE WILL WIN A GREAT VICTORY  
FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

WE MUST GO FORWARD TOGETHER. THERE IS NO WAY WE  
CAN LOSE EXCEPT BY RESTING BEFORE THE LAST POLL CLOSES.  
TOGETHER, NOT AS PARTISANS BUT AS PROUD AMERICANS,  
LET'S GET AMERICA OFF TO A GOOD START ON OUR THIRD  
CENTURY OF FREEDOM.

END OF TEXT

*Thank you*