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TO: RON NESSEN

FROM: FRED SLIGHT

For your information

Mondale
October 7, 1976
Plaza
Miami Beach, Florida

..... for schools and teachers, They think modern care, medical care
and hospitals are fine

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Mondale Speech
Newcompt Plaza Motor Inn
Miami Beach
October 7

..... this Congressman, as you know, is one of the great ones, but he did
something special for this country when he asked the GAO to prepare a report on
the Maiquis matter and the whole nation can be indebted to him for that; and
Claude Pepper is the ultimate peoples' Congressman..... I want true con-
fession tonight, I was for Claude Pepper in 1947..... and I had a picture on my
wall too.....

I'm delighted to be here. I want to thank each of you for helping us, our hosts:
The Kissels, The Fleemans, The Winesoss.....All I want to say here....is Dick
Gerstein here? Dick, hello.....it's not always nice to see a lawyer who
stood firmly in favor of the law in the case of Watergate.....because we
have two people running against us on the other ticket that were on the other side,
and I understand that Abe and Casey Ribicoff are here.....let's give him a hand.....
You know, Alfredo Duran, our Party Chairman, where are you Alfredo.....let's give
him a hand here. Thank you..... You don't need a speech for me tonight. All
you have to do is read the registry condition of the Miami News....it's all there....
prices surged the highest in eleven months. That's the program for inflation....
and the other one is: government won't reveal firms now in their boycott.....that's
the other thing you have to know. The reason I bring this up, is that not only have
they botched this economy....I just talked to the Building's Trade.....40% of
the building's trademen in this community are out of work when you need housing
and construction, but the only program to deal with inflation has been massive

unemployment, the highest since the Great Depression and it has not affected inflation whatsoever.....it's a failure....and they have no other plans. But more than that now they are telling us things on the eve of the election that can't be true, and I think the American people see that very quickly. I understand that Abe talked a minute ago about the Arab boycott. I'm on the finance committee with Abe Ribicoff; I was co-sponsor with the Abe Ribicoff amendment to deny tax credits and benefits to corporations who are foul enough to participate in the Arab boycott; that should have been prohibited long time ago and I was there when the Representative of Mr. Ford's spoke against it bitterly and we said, what's your answer, and he said eliminations of tensions in the Middle East, and I said that reminds me of Will Roger's answer to the Kazier's subs which is to empty the Atlantic Ocean and destroy the submarines on the ground. We know the difference, and to have the President last night in the face of that record try to tell the American people that he really has been for remedies for the Arab boycott is wrong in two counts: 1st of all, this Administration has ducked and run and has done nothing to eliminate the boycott in this country, and secondly, it suggests that he thinks the people don't know the facts....and he's going to find out they know the facts very, very well.

And, last night, last night I heard the President say this: I bring it along because I can't believe it..... there is no Soviet domination in Eastern Europe,..... and the reporter tried to save him. I'm sorry, Mr. President, you seem to be saying something ... and he went right back at it.... he said for example, I don't believe the Poles consider themselves dominated by the Soviet Union. Each of these countries is independent and autonomous...it has it's own territorial independence. Now.... if you had a student in the sixth grade in the local public schools who gave that answer the teacher under the laws of Florida could not pass him on to the seventh grade.....

A couple of years ago I was in Warsaw 31 divisions of Red Russian troupes over

there, and..... I see that Segrity is in town..... and on the way in, the cab driver talked to me, thru the interpreter, and I said, how'd get along with the Russians around here...he said, O, fine, we've got a good deal, 50-50, we send them coal and they send us snow...that's the deal, under the Breshnez doctrine...there is no independents or autonomy in Eastern Europe...in those countries where those troupes are found. Everyone knows it, and this country above all, which is supposed to be the beacon of liberty and freedom....if we don't stand for that, we don't stand for anything. If we don't stand for human justice, if we don't speak up for human liberty, America doesn't stand for anything that's different. This is the nation for freedom and liberty, and I want a President once again in the White House who knows the difference between freedom, difference between oppression, and who continues to speak....we can't always have our way ...but always speaks out for liberty and human justice; and you can only do that,.... you can only do that with the election of Jimmy Carter. And, one final point. We appreciate all the help you've given us, we need money badly, we need your votes, and we need t he state of Florida. This is a close election. Florida is one of the big states; its terribly important to us, and that's why I'm asking each of you to give us your special help. You know how to make the difference...

Walter Mondale
Miami, Florida
October 7, 1976

.....thank you very much. I want you to know that I cut off that good music because just before I was introduced Irene Wolfe came over and said keep it short--

Mondale speech
October 7th
Miami Beach
North Miami Beach
Senior Citizen's Rally
Miami, Florida

Thank you very much. I want you to know that I cut off that good music because just before I was introduced Irene Wolfe came over and said keep it short, we've got a good program coming after your done. And I said, Irene, you must have me confused with my colleague from Minnesota, Hubert Humphrey. Any way, I am thrilled to be here. I want to pay my respects to Irene, who I understand is the best president of any organization in Florida, all of you at the Golden Age Club, and others visiting tonight, Mayor Perski, Mayor Ferrie, Representative Margolis, Senator Firestone, and friends, and, if I may, I 'd like to introduce a member of my family, who is here tonight, my son, Ted Mondale.

It's great to be introduced by Bill Layman. He's one of the great Congressman in the country, and you know it; but I believe he really proved his genius when he once suggested to me that I should (blurred)....and maybe he's the only one I've ever met who was foolish enough to talk that way. He's shown his leadership in so many ways, your showing your respect for him in so many elections we needn't take time for that tonight. Let me just say that I'm thrilled by the size of this turnout and I'm grateful to you to have a few minutes to talk with you about the issues we face together as an American in one of the most faithful elections in our history; an election that will decide the course of this country that you helped make what it is, for the next four to eight years, and it is a decision that we will make very appropriately on the two hundredth anniversary of our beloved and great country of the United States. We've got to,any time you want to applaud, just let it

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rip....I won't interfere at all. We got'a listen very carefully in this campaign. I have never been through a campaign when I heard more peculiar things that were unbelievable than I've heard in this campaign. Last night I listened to the debate. By the way, how many of you watched the debate last night? And I thought I heard the President of the United States say this: There is no Soviet domination of Eastern Europe. The Reporter, Max Frankel, a friend of mine, tried to help him out. He said, Mr. President, I'm sorry, did I understand you to say, Sir, that the Russians are not using Eastern Europe as their own of influence and occupying most of them with Russian troops. The President said, well I've been there. The Rumanians don't consider themselves dominated by the Soviet Union, I don't believe the Poles consider themselves dominated by the Soviet Union. Each of those countries is independent and autonomous. It has it's own territorial independents. I have never heard anything like that in my life. As a matter of fact, I too have visited those nations and I can recall going in Warsaw and the cabbie spoke to me through an interpreter and I asked him how they got along with the Russians. He said, just fine, we've got a 50-50 deal. We send them coal and they send us snow; and that's the deal. Under the Brehnez doctrine, none of those countries dare deviate from Soviet control. The tank tracks are still fresh in Czechoslovakia from Russian tanks that destroyed incipient freedom and independence in Czechoslovakia; and this great nation of ours.....this great nation of ours,....that above all must stand for freedom and liberty everywhere, not that we can always have our way, but there should never be any doubt where this great society of ours stands. We know there are millions of people living under dictorial control in the Soviet Union. I met people who wanted to immigrate, applied for immigration in Mbscow have had their lives destroyed trying to leave that country. Don't tell me that there's freedom in those nations. It might have helped if the President had received Mr. Zolsneekson and spent an hour with him to hear what's really going on in the Soviet Union and

Eastern Europe; and then he said, I've lead the fight against the Arab boycott. Well, I'm on that tax committee. I was there the day that Ribicoff proposed an amendment to take away the tax benefits from American businesses that resort to the vicious and races tactics involved in the Arab boycott. The President's own personal representative spoke bitterly against that amendment and in the conference committee his Representative, Mr. Parski, threatened to have the President veto the bill unless the Ribicoff amendment was deleted, and last night in his debate after we forced the amendment out, nevertheless, I heard the President of the United States take credit for the anti-boycott that he fought bitterly tooth-and-nail for the past year. Americans know the difference, We remember and we are going to call people by their real records and not what they say on election eve and they want the people they refused,..... There's so many problems that we face together as Americans. Just this morning, once again, the failure of our government to control inflation became readily apparent. This morning the wholesale price index came out and was soaring again, and read over 10% a year, and we see the spector again of double digit inflation. We're told in Washington that inflation is under control. I'd like to know if there's anyone in this room who believes that inflation is under control? It is not because we have not fought that problem. And the result is, yesterday they announced an increase in the Medicare deductible from \$104 to \$124 for each visit--a direct result of their failure to deal with soaring health care costs and a direct result of their refusal to accept our amendment that wanted to put a freeze on deductibles and on the premiums, and include drug costs under Medicare, as it should have been in the first instance.

In his acceptance speech, the President said we need Medicare that covers all costs, and I applauded him; but what he didn't tell you was that he and his running mate voted against Medicare when they were in the Congress. What he didn't tell you was that in this budget he proposed a billion and a half dollars increase

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shifting the cost onto the senior citizens in the form of higher monthly premiums, higher deductibilities, higher drug costs, instead of sharing those costs as was promised under Medicare. He said that we need a health care system for all in America that's affordable, the other day. Well, that reminds me what my dad used to tell me, my father was a minister in several little small towns in southern Minnesota, and he used to tell me about deathbed conversions, he said that what's wrong with them is that sometimes they get well, and you almost always forget about it; and when he says he's for Medicare and for coverage of costs for Americans, there's not a thing in the records that supports that; and he said last year if we sent him a health care bill he'd veto it, any health care bill even catastrophic health care. Well, I don't know what this group would list as it's top concern, but I think that most groups in America, and I suspect most of you here, would say that no matter what else happens in this country we've got to get these health costs under control. It ought to be possible. It ought to be possible when you've completed a life's work to be able to use your savings, use your retirement payments without the fear of being wiped out by the cost of a major illness, by a drug costs. that ought to be the deal. that ought to be the deal! And I think the time is long overdue, long overdue, when we just take the simple step that we should have taken years ago, that Harry Truman asked us to take in 1949, and finally pass a decent comprehensive national health insurance program that covers the cost of all Americans. There are many other issues, even tho we promised in the last law to adjust social security by the cost of living, we made that promise to every American, this administration tried to put a 5% cap on the cost of living adjustments. We beat them and that's a record; now they would come back to us and tell us that their good on social security. Listen carefully, look at their records. Our ticket has stood solidly for the Older Americans Act, for the senior citizens' nutritional programs, for senior citizens' employment programs, for decent health

care programs, for decent housing programs, for the things that people need for a decent life in our country; and a nation that would turn it's back on those in it's society that above all made this country what it is should not be in any office, including the Presidency of the United States, So I ask you for your help. This is going to be a close election, Florida is very important; it's one of the major states in the Union; there are more and enough people in this room tonight to win this election.....we will not let you downwe will not let you down..... As a matter of fact, if we're elected I promise to do two things in addition to fill these commitments. First is, I promise that all of you will be invited to the Inaugural Ball.....and if you're short of money, Congress Layman has asked me to announce he'll pay for your trip out of his own pocket..... secondly, I would like to come back here as Vice President..... and not give a speech, just sit down and watch Irene's program.

Thank you very much thank you.

Walter Mondale
October 10, 1976
Christopher Columbus Day Parade

Newark, New Jersey

..... I must say, I'm delighted and thrilled to be here with you today in joining in the honoring of the memory of the principles of the great Discoverer, Christopher Columbus; through his bravery, through his courage, he discovered this nation and showed all of us the importance of those great principles of the human spirit; and just as at his age, we needed that spirit, so we need it in 1976; and for that reason I'm especially honored to be introduced by my old friend, one of the great public officers in the United States today, Pete Rodeo; because Pete, Congressman Rodeno, in our part, showed the faith, courage, the same insight, the dedication of this great society...at a point when American liberties were under great . It is a matter of great honor to Italian Americans that above all Pete Redeno and Judge Sorcia, who saw the issue, restored the rule of law, and assured us another century of freedom and liberty in this great society; so I'm proud to be here, I'm proud in joining in honoring this man for Congress and all the areas of the great Italian American tradition.

Thank you so very, very much for letting me be here.....

Thank you.

Senator Mondale
Erie County Democratic Committee
October 10, 1976

.....thank you, Joe, for that very kind introduction. It's an honor to be introduced by the best county chairman in the Country Chairman, Joe, thanks.

You know, as we came in the door, we met a hundred and fifty people going in, a hundred and fifty people coming out, a hundred and fifty....he knew every name.....

..... In any event, he told me, if you want to be elected vice president he should do it like I did....go to Buffalo and hang on to Joe

It's an honor to be on the same platform with two of the finest public figures on the national scene, new figures making sense--fighting for the people, Hank Noach and John LaFall..... Mayor MaHoughski, Sheriff Umeko, Liz Moahan, the wife of the next United States Senator, and we need when I leave the United States Senate, and become the Vice President ... there'll be a terrible hole there and we need to fill it with somebody important..... and I can't think of anybody

As Joe talked about the difference between the Democrats and the Republicans and their national leadership, I was reminded of a quote of what Harry Truman once made about what the Republicans said they believed in and what they actually do....that's a quote that he made some years ago and I dug it up and it goes as follows: Truman said this, after studying the Republican Party for twelve years, I discovered where they stand on the major issues--they stand foursquare for the American home but not for housing....they are strong for labor but stronger for restricting labor's rights; they favor a minimum wage...the smaller the minimum the better.....; they endorse educational opportunity for all, but won't spend money for schools or teachers; they think that modern medical care and hospitals are fine for those who can afford it and they admire the government of the United States so much they would like to buy it..... Well, it's not for sale. The White House belongs to the American people and they want it back.....

The issues, I doubt, have ever been clearer than 1976, and the need for your support, your enthusiastic energetic support, every one of you, between now and that election

has never been clearer. Just look at what has happened to Buffalo; unemployment three times higher than when they took office. For every ten people standing in the unemployment lines since Mr. Ford has been sworn in, there's now fifteen and it's not getting any better. When we say 'why' the unemployment...they say in order to lick inflation, but let's look at inflation. The average inflation rate under the Republicans is three times what it was under Kennedy and Johnson, and it's getting much worse. Just two days ago the wholesale price index came out and announced that we are now on the verge of having double digit inflation again; they have failed both ways, and cities like Buffalo see it in their real estate taxes because when you don't have Americans working, when they can't find jobs and instead of working and paying their share of government, they are instead drawing welfare and unemployment insurance, food stamps and the rest ... every center city in this country is in trouble, and if there's one issue that divides the two Parties, the issue of full employment and dealing with inflation. Any administration that lacks the courage, the sensitivity, the realization of the needs of just human purposes to put people back to work ought to be run out of office so they can see the joys of unemployment in their lives..... And they haven't licked inflation....it's much worse ...for many reasons. First of all, high Republican interest rates makes everything more expensive. John Kennedy once said that if Rip Van Winkle came back to the United States he could tell whether the Republicans were in power by the interest rates...he'd have no trouble today...we'll get 'um down.

Secondly, we're going to have competition in America again...and today...we are going to enforce the anti-trust laws and let everyone compete for the consumer dollar... That's the best way to beat inflation..... Today is Polaski Day...when we honor a great Polish American Hero...a man who spent his whole life, first by fighting Russian oppression in Poland and then lost his life in the United States fighting for our liberty. He is a great, not just a Polish hero but an American hero, because he represents the best in American life, There's much that we've proud... of as

Americans. We're probably the wealthiest nation in the world..no doubt about it; we have the most resources, no doubt about it; we are strong military, no doubt about it; but above all what we're proud of is that this country has always stood for liberty and justice and freedom all over the earth.....that's what's really different about this country..... And one of the issues of this campaign is to restore leadership in the White House to someone who keeps making that clear again. We haven't forgotten that.

The other night in the debate Mr. Ford announced that eastern Europe was independent and autonomous of Soviet control. Well, the last time when I went Warsaw the cabbie on the way in said we've got a deal with the Russians--we send them coal and they send us snow..... Whose he kidd'en, and then the next day he repeated the same point... he said Russian control, if any, ^{it} is controlled by Russia. There are thirty-one Divisions in eastern Europe. The Czechs found out when they tried to show some independents under the Brezhnef Doctrine, they are guaranteed that they are to have their autonomy ripped away from them whenever they show any independence. Now, we can't always have our way around the world, but I want a President to tell it like it is and to make it clear not only to our own people but to the people around the world that we stand for freedom and that we know the difference. Just yesterday a prominent Polish-Communist newspaper praised our President for finding that there's freedom in Poland..... Isn't that someth'n. These statements can be turned against us; and I'd like to know when Mr. Snolznexson finally left Russia after spending most of his adult life in Soviet prison and having nearly lost his life several times, and having risk his life to write the most compelling literature in the world about police state oppression, why when he came to this country he wasn't greeted and honored instead of being rejected by the President of the United States.... why?

We now know that Mr. Ford could have learned a lot from Mr. Snolznexson, And we see it all over...the Arab boycott, which is a disgrace to a decent America. This Administration, despit/^ewhat it says has fought all sanctions in order to

permit the boycott; and the other night he said we would release the names but we now know he won't. Why is it that we're so fearful by standing by our own principles of dealing justly and fairly with each other. Arab boycott does not involve what happens overseas...it involves what happens in our own country; and I really reject, and are offend by the notion, that we would refuse to stamp out this racist, an outrages practice here at home because we're afraid of offending somebody..... That those are the issues: jobs, fighting inflation, dealing with the nations' real needs of housing, and health, and the environment, and a foreign policy that reflects the values of the American people. We want again to see in our foreign policy our own values that we learned from our parents, that we teach our children about justice and liberty and freedom and democracy and peace.... not that we can always have our way, as we know better than that, but, for crying out loud, let's not lose our way....that's what's important..... Now, youall know that...now we've got'a get down to work...what'a we got, twenty-two days left to go. New York is crucial to our election...we think we're slightly ahead of New York, in fact, we know we are! Ford's been helping us every day and we can't take anything for granted... I think back in 1968, incidentally this community did its part....but, what a different country this would have been if in 1968 we'd hung together, done a little...but more...and Humphrey, rather than Nixon, would have been President of the United States..... What a different..... Lincoln once said if you turn your back to the fire your doom to sit on your own blisters..... and we've been sitting on our blisters now for eight years; let's turn around....let's get to work; let's do a little extra with our families in our churches and our synogses.. where we work, through our unions, our teacher's organizations, where we can get to the people, let's reach out and ask them to help set this country right again; and if you'll elect Carter and myself and Pat Monahand and these two fine Congressman, we won't let you down, and I promise if you elect me and Monahand, I will recognize Monahand first of all on all issues that we take care of the problems of this community

Walter Mondale
AFL-CIO MEETING
October 11, 1976
New York City, New York

Well thank you very much Ray for that very very kind introduction. To Paul Hall, to Mr. Howard Millisonti, we just came from a meeting of the Italian - American labor Federation here in New York and had an excellant discussion about some of the matters that affect all of us and to all of you here who came this morning to give me this chance to speak briefly about the issues that affect us all and to plead with you for your fullest cooperation so that we might win this election and let the sun shine in as Ray pointed out. In addition to electing Carter-Mondale, I want you to elect Pat Moyhanian, we need that man in the United States Senate. This campaign is picking up. The last eight or ten days there has been a dramatic movement in our direction. As the American people focus on the real issues that affect them and their lives in this country and come increasing to the view that we need a fresh start, that we need a change, we need to put people back to work, we need to fight inflation, we need a foreign policy that reflects our values, we need to reorganize that government, and that there is utterly no hope of a change from this administration that's a very typical Republican administration, looking backward, defending the past, overlooking the great problems that the American people face and simply not having any solution for our people. Yesterday for example I was in Buffalo, went down the parade route and some guy was holding up a sign which said-- the perfect ticket Ford, Dole, Gremico and that's an example of what were going through. Can you imagine the President of the United States, for whatever reason, declaring that the Eastern European nations are free and independant of Soviet control, noone believes that and yesterday a prominant polish prime minister newspaper praised the President for saying that something that they had been trying to pursaude the polish people unsuccessfully about for many many years. I went to Warsaw and say a cabby speaking through an interpeter said that we have a deal with the Russians 50-50. We send them coal and they send us snow. Now this morning in the New York Times we see the true picture of economics in America. The picture that you have seen with your own members for a long long time under this Republican administation despite all of their rosey predictions, despite all of their efforts to gloss over th e situation, there management of the economy has been absoulately lousy and there is no

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hope of changing it around you have to change the administration. This is what the story says and each of you ought to clipp it out and just use it in the campaign. Economic fears highenten by new statistics. They point out that most economistics now are becoming pesmistic about the economy. Although unemployment fell slightly in September, in the Bell Weather Mail groups it rose greatly. They point out that among the heads of house holds, these are the people that have to have a job in order to take care of their families, unemployment is soaring. The little statistical drop was really the teenagers leaving the labor market to go back to school. Secondly, the wholesale prices leaped upward in September at a double digit rate in the first time in many months and perticularly the inflation among the key industrial items has continued to accerlate. Third, leading economic indicators, these are the bell weather indicators that we've found are the most accurate of all to predict where we're going, for the first time in 18 months every one of those indicators pointed down, so when the President says he's turned the economy around, he's right, straight down. The Dow Jones Industrial Index considered to be the sign of business confidence has plunged more than 60 points in 3 weeks. Most private economists are now scaling down their third and fourth quarter esimates of the .G.N.P. So whatever you look at it's getting worse. In order to prove that I want to quote from an official of the Manufactor Hanover Trust Bank in town here which says this. Back in the spring Ford appeared to have the best economic climate possible but the situation has turned desperately bad for the President on the economic side,, and I think that's true. It has turned desperately bad because of policies that are totally unjustified. This administratio has only answer for inflation, massive unemployment, that's the only answer that they've got Massive recession, bankrupties, and that's what they have given us but it's like going to the hospital with abroken leg and being treated for cancer, You get sick from the chilmo theprary, but your leg doesn't get better as a matter it might get ganggreen cause noone is taking care of it. That's what has happened, they've made us sick with unemployment, sick with the recession, but it wasn't working people causing that recession that inflation, It wasn't too many dollars chasing to many goods, it wasn't the labor movement demanding wage rates and getting them that was inflationary. Inflation came from so called cost push

factors, high interest rates. You know every one percentage point in interest rates adds 13,000 to the cost of home and it's up about 3 full percentage points from what it was when we were there. The result being, that home ownership for the average new family is out of the question. Secondly, they had soaring energy prices. Why this crowd ever thought they could get away with frementing American oil producers to get Arab prices I don't know but they tried it and they got halfway there and those energy costs are soaring. Secondly, they have no antitrust policy. There hasn't been a single price fixing case brought by this administration since 1974, not one and you have price gouging by these big industries. Recently there was a report on the Counsel of Price Stability charging the alumimun industry had gouged the American public. What did Ford do?? He didn't try to surpress the prices, like Kennedy did with steel, he tried to supress the report. That's the wrong way around. What we need now is an administration that will put people back to work, there is no trick to it. We did it under Kennedy and Johnson, we did it after Hoover left and we'll do it now. All that you have to do is remind your members, can you remember a Republican President in this century who didn't give us high unemployment??, just one. There isn't any. Hoover did it, Eisenhower did it, Nixon did it, Ford's doing it. Ford has given us 50 percent more unemployment then existed less than 2 years ago. For every ten people standing in the unemployment lines when he was sworn in there are now 15. In New York there are three times as many unemployed as their were when the Republicans took over and in the building trades I understand the unemployment here is 40 and 50 percent and I was in upstate Bingiham, New York, the other day and the ironworkers B.A. told me 80 percent of his people are unemployed. Think of it. We need housing, we need construction, we need the things that these skilled people can do and yet this administration is hobbled and shackeled the economy tremendously. They fought tax reform, that's another way of helping inflation. They say now that they are for reduction of taxes for medium income, ricious. Two years ago they were peoposing a ten percent tax increase on working Americans. Last Janurary they proposed a 20 billion dollar tax cut by 1981 for business and a 6 billion dollar reduction for individuals but most of that went to the upper income levels and they are going to tax more than 6 billion dollars in payroll tax increases and unemployment insurance tax increases. They have never ever fought

for the working man and woman and their families in their history. That's what Republicans do. They are on the other side of that issue and that's why they are going to lose. I led the fight for a progressive tax cut geared to the average working family, based on family size, we won the first round, not as completely as I wanted, but we won it basically. When we got done with that bill last year this is how they wanted to change it. They wanted to increase taxes on a working American with a family earning less than \$6000 dollars, they wanted to increase taxes on him by 450 dollars. They wanted to increase taxes between \$6000 and 10,000 dollars by 180 dollars a taxpayer. They wanted to increase taxes between 10000 and 15,000 dollars a year by 85 dollars a taxpayer, but if you earned 50,000 a year they wanted to reduce your taxes by 780 dollars a taxpayer, that's there idea of relief for middle income Americans plus they wanted to increase your payroll taxes and your unemployment taxes. So any way that you look at it in terms of taxes, in terms of beating inflation, in terms of putting people back to work, in terms of housing programs, in terms of health programs, in terms of anything that our people need, rising crime rate, name it, they're wrong and if there is ever an administration that needs to learn what unemployment is like by experiencing it themselves, it's this crowd. Now the President has been using the White House not as a platform but as a bunker, he's hiding in there. Sitting in the Rose Garden and so on and one of the few times that he does come out, the American people get a look and listen to that they move even more strongly to the Carter camp. We have got to win this election, change this country around, those you in New York, above all, know the cost of these policies. They have been disaster to our cities. You can't have massive inflation and unemployment without sticking a dagger in the heart of every city in this country and that's what they have done. We're going to change it around. Give us your help. Get those votes out. You know how to do it. I've seen it in the past. Thank you very very much

Walter Mondale
(Live on Today's Show)NBC
New York City, New York
October 11, 1976

Let me ask you at the outset, if I can, I know that you saw all three debates and I'm sure that you read the transcripts --- or the two debates I mean --- As you have reviewed the positions of the head of your ticket, Jimmy Carter, can you tell us which ones you disagree with?

(MONDALE): Well, I've mentioned a few. I for example have never favored capitol punishment. Governor Carter favors it in very limited circumstances. We have a disagreement over the Warren Court, that again is a minor one, concerning two decisions late in the Warren Court history that not only Mr. Carter but many scholars think are too technical in terms of law enforcement. I have always supported the Warren Court. I guess that we disagree on the emphasis to be given in this campaign on the pardon issue. He's indicated that he would not have granted the pardon, he thought it was wrong to grant the pardon. I have, as you know made quite a point of that from time to time in my acceptance speech

(QUESTION) Let me ask you specifically about the last debate, Senator. Mr. Carter said that he would not give up control of the Panama Canal as President of the United States. Do you agree with that position that the United States ought not to ever concede control of the Panama Canal.

REPLY: I think that we have to maintain that canal transportation link for this country and for many other reasons as well but I do believe that it ought to be possible to negotiate with the Panamanians any way that would diminish their feelings that their national sensibilities have been offended by that treaty and that's the objective that we ought to seek to make certain that the canal, the transportation lane, is there and unquestionably there but also do what we can to reduce the hostility that the Panamanians feel toward that old treaty that was reached many many years ago.

QUESTION: But specifically, does that mean that the United States must maintain the control that it now has and keep troops there or only be a short access to the canal?

ANSWER: I find that very hard to answer. What counts is that there be no question about

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that transportation link and its availability to American shipping.

QUESTION: Senator Mondale, there will be a third debate up Friday and you will be a principle part of it. Senator Dole told me about a week ago that he would just soon be watching a football game that Friday night. Do you take that debate anymore seriously that he does??

REPLY: Yes, I've always supported debates. I think one of the big problems in politics, looking at it from the stand point of the voter and also from the stand point of Governor, so much of what happens in politics is what I call contrived. In nother words, a politician gives a speech to you listing his points or her points and that's all that you hear. You don't get questions. We see a television spot where a politican come out.... green grass, and motherhood, and the sunrise, and all of the things that everyone's for and you don't get to ask questions. It's a kind of a curious one way communications where we can see and hear the candidates but they can't see and hear us and you can't get the feeling of who they really are, where do they really stand on the issues when pressed, what kind of a personalit do they have, do they seem to be healthy. All of that sort of thing is upper most in any kind of person's mind is often the last thing that gets answered in a campaign and often we've had tragic consequences. I think the Nixon election was a example and for that reason I've always favored campaign requirments to put the candidates in a contest either in a tough ... format or a debate where you can actually see them clash and see how they behave and for that reason I think this debate is very very important.

QUESTION: Are we going to hear the same questions and the same answers in other words are you going to be a stand in for Governor Carter or are you going to speak as Senator Mondale??

REPLY: I have always spoken as Senator Mondale and Governor Carter and I agreed that right out. If we disagreed we will say so. Let me make it clear, I'm for Governor Carter for President. We agree on pratically everything. We want to get this economy moving, put people back to work. We have got to begin fighting inflation. It's just a disgrace the way this inflation is roaring along, they've got no plans. Reorganization of the

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Federal government is a disgrace, it has to be reorganized fundamentally. Governor Carter and I feel very strong on that. We have to get a foreign policy that reflects the values of the American people. The Eastern European statement by the President is, I think, terribly unfortunate but it's a piece of other things we've had for example when Mr. Solzenican, perhaps the real symbol of the ability of the human spirit to resist police state oppression. When he came to the United States he should have been a hero instead of that the President wouldn't see him. In the basket 3 requirements of the Helinski accord call for the opening up of people communications, our administration has done nothing to push that. In Greece, we were cosy enough to when there was a dictatorship but now that it's a democracy, we turn our backs on Greece. The Chilean affair and so on I think that the American people are starving for a foreign policy that reflects their own values. It is the only kind of foreign policy that can survive.

QUESTION: Let me ask you about Solenzician. Do you think Solenzician, given his rather hard line position on that the United States should take with relationships with the Soviet Union, would endorse for instance Mr. Carter's proposal that the United States ought to stop nuclear testing whether the Soviet Union does it first or not??

REPLY: What I would say about the Solenzician situation is, we don't have to endorse everyone of Mr. Solenzician's proposals. For example, we sort of enlisted about how he would reorganize the Russian government or any other government. I find it difficult to accept that. I think that we have to negotiate with the Russians to put a lid on strategic armaments to reduce forces, if we possibly can, mutually in a balanced way in Europe and in other things. Human survival requires that we keep trying but having ... all of that, Mr. Solenzician is a symbol of the human spirit. He spent a good deal of his human life in Russian police prisons because he had resisted the Soviet oppression of the Stalinist era and later and he was finally kicked out of the Soviet Union for that reason and he's written the most compelling, powerful, literature in the world and regardless of what you think of some of his recommendations, he's entitled to be honored before in this great country with ... freedom and there is no question that the President didn't want

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see Mr. Solenzician because he thought he might offend the Russians. Now I think that there are certain things that we ought to do in this country to make clear that we believe in democracy and in justice and national independence. It doesn't mean that we can always have our way but at least we ought not to lose our way.

QUESTION: Yesterday you were at the Polastic Day in Buffalo New York and you shared Polastic Day with Betty Ford. What kind of a feeling did you get from that crowd. Are they turned off to President Ford by virtue of his remarks?

ANSWER: We have a marvelous day. I was there with Congressman Novak and the Mayor and many many signs that reflected I think the feeling in this Polish community. One said that I'm hungry for Carter and Ford spelled Hengary and another one said The Perfect Ticket-- Ford, Dole, Germerico all the way up and down the parade. It was very clear to me that they did not like Ford's repeated statements that there was independence in Eastern Europe. That's a good point because whether there is a gap or not and he's repeated it three times. The Communists newspapers in Poland put out a story commending the President for his description of his ... of Poland.

QUESTION: I don't think that there is any doubt within the White House committed a gap, but Jimmy Carter has spoken himself as it were during the course of this campaign.

REPLY: ... but he never said anything like that. I mean that we all make mistakes. The excuse for Mr. Ford was he was tired from campaigning which is rather remarkable. We all make mistakes but Mr. Carter has never declared Eastern Europe free and independent of the Soviet Union. For example, the President's position on the Arab boycott. I'm on the finance committee, his representatives came to the Senate Finance Committee bitterly opposed to the Ribicoff Amendment to deny tax benefits to people in this country who resort to that vicious tactic. They fought it bitterly in the conference committee with a Representative of the President there and then to have the President in the debate try to take credit for an amendment that they'd fought tooth and nail and further to go on and announce that they are going to release all of the names of the companies that had participated in the boycott and the next morning withdraw it. I mean there are so many fundamental statements made by the President in this campaign that are not only wrong but raise questions about how

he views the intelligence of the American people.

QUESTION: Well, what about the man who heads your ticket who had promised last spring that he would have details sometime after the convention on tax reform, that he would be able to spell it out and since that time he has said that he can't do it now until he gets into office?

ANSWER: Actually, I think that is the right position. I'm on the tax committee and it's an incredibly complicated formula. It depends on the condition of the economy, lots of things go into it, to a valid tax reform proposal. It's one that you have to work out with the Congress in negotiations. The point is that Governor Carter strongly believes in tax reform and so do I. The present situation would permit Americans of substantial wealth, great wealth, through complete tax sections to avoid all or most of the taxes. For example, in the tax deferral, if you take a plant overseas, you don't have to pay taxes in certain countries until you decide to bring the profits back. You can build the same plant, hire American workers in this country, you have to pay taxes every year and Carter has been very clear and very specific ... preferences in the tax law and there is no question about his commitment to tax reform.

QUESTION: Senator, there is a possibility or at least there has been speculation as a result of the tentative agreement between the Ford Motor Company and the United Auto Workers that we have opened the door to a 4 day work week in this country a little wider. Do you think that's a good idea to have a four day work week. Would you endorse that as a member of the Carter Administration should you be elected??

REPLY: I'm not sure, I just saw the story this morning. I think it depends a lot on productivity. I think I'm going to pass on that question until I've had a chance to look at it.

QUESTION: There was speculation last summer during the course of the Vice Presidential Sweepstakes in the Democratic Convention about your experience with hyper tension and taking medication. Have you had any trouble with that??

REPLY: Only on the Today's show. No, seriously, no I haven't. One of the great virtues of modern medicine has been the new medication for hyper tension. Many many years ago the people with my problem would be marked, today ... medication promptly cared for.

the pressure levels still normal and that's the only problem that you have to deal with.

QUESTION: Very quickly can you give us an update on the state of health of your close friend Sen. Humphrey.

REPLY: Yes, I talked with Mrs. Humphrey yesterday and they feel the surgery was very very successful. They feel that they have gotten the problems taken care of. I going to be with this afternoon and we're all very very.....

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.....I must say that I find this a very thrilling turnout and I can see
....which microphone works, by the way.....I can see in your eyes
that on November 2 you are planning to elect Jimmy Carter as President
of the United States.....

I'm delighted to be here with so many, many fine people, with the great
mayor of Anderson, Bob Rocke, an old friend of mine, to my friend and
colleague and your next, United States Senator of Indiana Vance Harke--
Vance doesn't even want to be on the platform with me...what's wrong
Vance? Congressman Sharpe, I know your going to send a Congressman
back with a big margin..... Nice to be here with your nice Governor,
Larry Conrad..... Your next Lieutenant Governor Tom Teege.....
your next Congressman Bill Stout; and even though my Vice Presidential
opponent doesn't like him, one of the great labor leaders of the United
States today, Leonard Woodcocks..... And that's one of the differences
between the two political parties. In order to run a country you need
everybody. You need businessmen, you need farmers, you need labors,
you need people from all over the country...this country only works
when this country pulls us together...unifies us, it cannot work and
it has not worked with the party of a record; so
for a policy of the future that the only way they can get office is
to attack decent people in public life and try to scapegoat 'um. You
can't run this country that way and the American people know it.....
Now that's not all, this community has some Mondale relatives here,
and I've got to introduce 'um: Alice Wedge and the Mondale family...
so you can see true beauty.

My Uncle Fred went broke in Brycon, Minnesota, went west of Montana
and they've come back east here to Indiana, and we're glad to have you

here, and my daughter, where's Eleanor, I'd like for you to meet my daughter, Eleanor..... And I understand that there's another team of Minnesotans, is Ed Warren around....where'yu? There all from Minnesota....they've come out here to tell the story..... Now, today, for the national press, that's following me, they keep after me.. who won the debate..... I said, look, I might be bias..... but I said when we get to Anderson we're going to have a crowd that's mixed--Republicans, Democrats, Conservatives..... and I said, let's ask them....so I'd like to conduct a poll here and I'd like all the cameras turn there because it'll also be on the evening news..... turn those cameras like I told you..... Now take a look at this, for example, I won on this poll.....on this poll I won 15 to nothing and my name is misspelled..... It would have been 20 to nothing with a "d" in there....hand that back. Now, how many watched the debate last night? How many of you plan to vote Democratic on November?..... One hundred and three percent of the vote hereyou can't do better; and what are the reasons. Wellthat's alright too..... no lusting, just love..... The reasons are clear, for eight years we've had Republican President who have failed in every major test of leadership. There are three times as many unemployed today as the day they took office; 30% more unemployed Americans unemployed than the day Mr. Ford took office, and unemployment is getting worse..not better; and they have no plans to turn it around. This nation can not solve its problems; it has never been able to solve its problems unless every American wants a job is able to get a decent job and take care of their families....it's got to be....it's got to be..... Secondly, this Republican Administration has let this inflation get entirely out of hand.

After the debate that commoner from Texas, John Connelly said that I had done poorly because he said that inflation is not very bad. Well that's what's wrong with that Party--their so remote from the problems of the average American that they don't realize that inflation is ripping us apart. You may not be worried about inflation if you are making \$200,000 a year but if you are on an average income and you realize that because of inflation purchasing power is slipping back to what it was in 1965, if you're like most Americans you want inflation stopped and you want a President with the guts to stand up and stop it.....

And you're going to have one and his name is Jimmy Carter.

And we're going to have tax reform; and we might begin let's have another poll here...get the cameras ready.

When we ran for office, announced for office, both Governor Carter and I, agreed we'd answer every question put to us by the American people, no matter what it was, and we'd submit any information that the American people wanted and that's what we've done. It's hurt us once and a while but the American people realize that we're being straight and fair and open, and that's the most important thing any of us can do. None of us is perfect but at least we can be honest; and one of the things that Governor Carter and I did was to release our tax returns to the American people, the press, could look at those returns and decide how we conducted our business, how we conducted our affairs, and you can look at it; but Mr. Ford and Mr. Dole refuse to let the American people look at their tax returns. Now how many people believe that they have a duty to let the American people see those return?..... We need tax reform. Most of you could hire the best tax lawyer that you can find and he couldn't fine you a tax loophole because there

are no tax loopholes for working Americans. The lowest rate you can pay when you owe taxes is 14% and that doesn't count the payroll tax. There's no escaping it...we withhold it, we collect it, you pay it, and I don't think Americans mind that; they don't mind participating, but what they do mind is the disgraceful spectacle of very wealthy Americans being able to use tax preferences that are totally fictional and by virtue of those tax fictions avoid all / ^{or most of} their taxes. Last year some 300 Americans, earned over two hundred thousand each, some of ^{'um} over a million dollars each, and didn't pay a penny in taxes; and just last week it was reported that Ford Motor Company earned eight hundred million in profit but owed not a penny to the Federal government but, in fact, was entitled to a one hundred and eighty million dollar rebate-- now does that strike you as fair..... One thing that we're going to do, and one thing that's long overdue, is to make our tax system in America a just one, to reform those taxes, to close those loopholes, and then with the money we pick-up bring some relief to the hard pressed working families of this country so they can have some relief and some spending power....that's what we want to do..... Well, I can see that you have the idea and I can say that we are going to carry Indiana; and you are going to elect the Democratic ticket..... and if you do, and I'm sure you will, I've been asked to announce that you all are invited to the Inaugural Ball and if you're short of money, don't worry about it, Congressman Sharpe has promised to pay for your trip out and back, out of his own pocket....

Thank you very much.....thank you.....

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Thank you very much. Thank you. I decided that I really like Wichita and I can see in your eyes and in the size of this crowd that there is going to be a new news story tonight and that is that of Kansas is going to go for Jimmy Carter, the next President of the United States.

We're all united, we're all together, and we all know what needs to be done. It's an honor to be introduced by my old friend and one of the great Governors of your history, Bob Docking, your former Atty. General and a old friend of mine Vern Miller, Atty. General Curt Synder, and State Treasurer Joan Finny and the next Congressman from this district Dan Glickman and all of them are important but the person above all in this nation that has always struck me as being ahead of his time with visions and genius and compassion is the only delegate at the National Convention to vote for Walter Mondale for President, Homer Huckenburg from Kansas. Maybe Homer ought to give the speech. I want to express my appreciation to Loretta Miller, who is our interpreter today, and I want to express my admiration to the Fairfield High School Marching Band. I have been all over this country and I have heard the Minnesota rouser played now 343 times and now band is equal to Fairfield High School Band and I want to say so. And I want to thank the Latin Grass. Lets give them a hand. I want the national cameras, reporters to watch carefully because I'm going to conduct an impartial poll. We have here a cross section of Kansas, Republicans, Democrats, Independants picked scientifically from the citizenry and I would like to know how many of you watched the debate the other night, would you please raise your hand, and I want you to choose carefully. Get the cameras over here. Think carefully, how many of you are going to vote for Jimmy Carter? There you have it, Kansas is going to vote 103 percent for Jimmy Carter. But don't get too excited because we

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have got alot of work to do. This is a tough campaign and we'd have to admitt that the President has thrown us off our guard many many times. For example, the other day when we thought we were gaining ground we heard the President of the United States say that Eastern Europe was free of Soviet control and we didn't know that, we didn't know that, and it spent two and three days with our best people in the Library to find out that if there was something that we didn't know. Know he's out in the country and he's trying to confuse us as to where he is. The other day in Bloomington he said he was glad to be in Joliet Indiana. Then he went to Lincoln, Illinois, and said it was nice to be in Pontaic, then he corrected himself and said that it was nice to be in Bloomington. He went to the Iowa State University and said it was nice to be in Ohio State. He went to Oklahoma City and said it was nice to be in Lawton, Texas, and when he was finally corrected he said quote we're great to be here. You have got to stay on your toes, it's hard to find that man. You know what the issues are and that's why your here and that's why Kansas and the country is going for Jimmy Carter.

First of all, we need a government that works. We've got to cut out waste and inefficiency and duplication by putting someone who will take charge and run that government and make a dollar go the whole way. Secondly, we need an economy that works. No able bodied American who wants to work should be without a job. This country is not asking for welfare for those who can work, it's not askin for food stamps, it's not asking for unemployment insurance, it is asking for work and for eight years they put millions of Americans out of work. Since Mr. Ford alone has been President, we have 50 percent more unemployed than when he was sworn in and they have no plans except more unemployment and it's time to put a

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President in office who knows how to put America back to work. Secondly, this country needs to lick inflation. Since they took over inflation has raised three times what it was under the Democrats and the latest whole sale price index raises once again the specter of double digit inflation. The other day after my debate, that great commoner from Texas John Connally said, Mondale lost the debate because inflation isn't that bad. How many of you think inflation isn't really that bad. Look at that John Connally, they don't agree with you, and maybe the difference is if you make two or three hundred thousand dollars a year inflation isn't bad but if you live on an average income it's killing you. And we need a President that will roll these interest rates back, that increased the cost of living, that will enforce the anti-trust laws so business must compete, and we need a President with the guts of John Kennedy who will stand up to them when they try to gouge the American public with high prices that they are not entitled to. We need a President who believes in supporting one of the most important sources of strength in America, economically, socially, politically and religiously and that is the great family farm system in this nation. There is nothing like it. I want to say something. Governor Carter is the first farmer to have the chance to be elected since Tom Jefferson. I've got one of the best, if not the best, pro family farm records in the United States Senate. I grew up in rural Minnesota. I spent most of my youth working on a farm. As a matter of fact I'm the only Tee Lice Inspector ever to be elected to the United States Senate and you know the the subject has never come up yet. And we have worked for good farm income and that's a crucial issue in this campaign. We passed two farm bills to improve minimum farm supports for feed grain and wheat. This President vetoed both of them and when he vetoed them he said, the farmers can get their income

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out of the free market. And when farm prices started improving they dropped the hammer know as the embargo not once but four times in three years. They have hit the farmer both ways and Kansas is the largest wheat producing state in the union and you've lost millions and millions and millions of dollars because of Republican antioism to a decent farm return for the farmers in this state. We passed a minumum price improvement bill for dairy farmers at 85 percent and we demonstrated that even if he signed the bill minumum returns for farmers would be beneath the mimimum wage but he vetoed that bill and the person running against me on the Republican ticket voted to sustain the veto of the President and put downward pressure on income to the dairy farmers.

You know in that debate the other night I thought something was bothering old Bob Dole because he kept talking about somebody wanting to get rid of the Department of Agriculture and I thought now what's he thinking about. Jimmy Carter has always supported a strong Department of Agriculture. He knows that I've always been for a strong Department of Agriculture. He knows that the Chairman of Jimmy Carters' farmers Committee has always been for a strong Department of Agriculture and after the debate I kept scratching my head, I wonder what's bothering Bob. What is it? So we checked his record. Do you remember when Mr. Nixon proposed the reorganization of the Federal government and the gutting of the Department of Agriculture? There was only one farm State Senator on the Senate Agriculture Committee who joined in the introduction of that bill and do know what his name is? Robert Dole. He just had trouble expressing what was bothering him. What was bothering him was Bob Dole's record, that's what it was. This state is the sixth largest producer of beef and today not only is every wheat farmer losing 40 or 50 cents a bushel but every

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beef producer is losing \$50 to \$100 dollars a head. We've got a lousy import control program that lets more imports come in the higher the reserves and the higher and the higher the amount of standing beef. Now my dad was a minister in Furo, Minnesota, and he used to tell me about death bed conversions. He said the worst thing about them is sometimes they get well and when they do they allmost forget about it. Well just as we get close to this election with wheat income dropping to the floor because they didn't sign a good farm bill and banged it with embargos, when beef cattlemen losing \$100 dollars on every head suddenly on the eve of election they announce an improvment in wheat loan levels still ... production costs and they announce an embargo program or a quota program on beef, that's the large print, but the small print is clear below even the present prices and the quota program on beef would allow as much beef in as came in last year. Don't believe those death bed conversions. They want last if they get well. Don't let them get well. Pick people who don't need to be converted who really believe in good programs for the people. And finally, we need a foreign policy that reflects the values of the American people. Our belief in freedom and independance and we need a government that cares. There is no issue of spending. We have to live within our means. We need a prudent budget and we will have one but we also need a government that cares. And I'm proud of voting for medicare. A nation that has any respect for itself must also respect its senior citizens and their right to live with dignity and security ... But in this years' budget, Mr. Ford proposed to shift a billion and one half dollars back onto the backs of senior citizens, and higher monthly premiums, and higher deductabilitys, and higher drug costs. Seniors that are already paying a disapporinate amount in health, who suffer health costs three times the rest of us and who often

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have no way of earning the difference. That's their issue with seniors. Both Mr. Ford and Mr. Dole voted against medicare and I was surprised to see Mr. Dole the other night say he still thinks he voted the right way. So those are the issues. A government that will work efficiently, a government that puts people back to work, a government that fights inflation, a government that has a good strong pro family farm record, and a government that cares. You can make it happen in Kansas and I believe that your gonna make it happen and if you do, if you do, everyone of you is invited to the Inaugural Ball. If your short of money, don't worry about it, Dan Glickman, your next Congressman,(END OF SPEECH) .

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Well, I'm very very pleased to be in Wichita and be here today with some old friends of mine. The former Governor Bob Docking, former Attg. General Miller, our next Congressman from this district Dan Brickman, General Synder and State Treasury Joan Finny. I'm very very pleased to have them with me here today.

This campaign is picking up we're gaining steam every day and I'm convinced that we're gonna win and we think that we have an excellent chance to win in Kansas for many many reasons. First of all, this is a state that happens to be the largest wheat producer in the country, the number one state in the union and the disterous Republican economic policies are costing the wheat farmers of Kansas a great deal of money on each bushel that they produce becuae the price of wheat has fallen by over a dollar and thirty cents in the last year. The price of wheat is now below the cost of production. The Republican Policy brought us to this disterous situation in two ways. First, the President vetoed two feed grain bills, one which now would have pegged the low levels at \$2.75 a bushel not enough but at least would have prevented the prices from falling further but the President vetoed that and he vetoed it on the grounds that the farmers could expect alot of income from international trade but when prices firmed in international trade, this administration embargoed sale of grains four times in three years. Similarly, this state is a large beef producer and this administration has a tin ear on their pleas to establish a rashional intelligent beef import program. Now on election eve they are trying to get the farmers to think their their friends again but I think that the farmers can see through that becasure first of all the increase of minimum loan prices is still far below production costs. Wheat prices can drop a great deal before they get down to that low level. Secondly, they announced an import program for beef, that's the large print, but when you look at the fine print you

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find out that it will let out as much beef to be imported this year as last year. The other reason is that I think the Republicans are looking desperate. You know in the debate the other night with Mr. Dole, I was mystified as to why he kept bringing up the issue of the retention of the Department of the Agriculture because Governor Carter has always supported the Department of the Agriculture, I've always supported the Department of Agriculture, and after the debate I said something must be bothering Bob Dole. So I took a look at his record and you know what, only one farm state senator on the Agriculture joined in the introduction of the Nixon Bill to eliminate the Department of the Agriculture and do you know who that Senator was? Robert Doel. So those are the issues. A candidate for President, Jimmy Carter, the first farmer to have a chance to be President since Thomas Jefferson his running mate, if I may say I've got one one of the best farm records in the United States Senate, running against an administration that has vetoed all of the farm bills and then slapped on the embargoes to prevent farmers from getting a decent price in international. We will reverse that. Signing good farm bills and pushing agriculture trade and withholding from that strategy of embargoes which were unnecessary and cost hundreds of millions of dollars to the farmers of this country.

QUESTION: Question on foreign policy.

REPLY: I'll tell you how I feel about that. That's another sign of desperation. Governor Carter said, made it very clear in the debate, that he was talking about two things. First of all the miserable economic performance which has given us record high unemployment and runaway inflation has also, because of the dominance of the American economy, undermine the economies of Western Europe troubled the economies of Japan and Canada, and there is a major article today in the New York Times showing the

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tremendous economic instability around the world that flows directly from the inability of this dominant American economy to get back to full production and end inflation. Secondly, he was talking about the foreign policy that we have pursued that ignores basic American beliefs and values so that when we go around saying Africa for seven and one half years and support colonial rule, even though our country was one of the first to throw off colonial powers, support minority white governments such as Rhodesia and Eian Smith, that we lose the respect and the credibility that we should have and would have if our foreign policy would operate on the basis of our own beliefs. That's what Governor Carter is talking about. Those criticisms are valid and we would intend to change our foreign policy in that way.

QUESTION: Question pertaining to the decriminalization of heroin.

REPLY: I've never been for the decriminalization of heroin. I think that it is an unwise idea. Heroin is a hard drug and I certainly wouldn't support it.

QUESTION: ????????

REPLY: First of all, we would establish a loan program pegged at production costs. The Library of Congress says that in Kansas it costs on the average, and it varies from farm to farm, slightly over \$3.00 a bushel to produce wheat. Then we would let the farmer hold his crop in loan for a longer period than now permitted under the law. I would think maybe two years or three years we'd have to work that out, so that farmer could hold his own reserves and have a little more power over when to sell, so that would improve purchasing power and the other thing it is we wouldn't impose these embargoes that the Republicans have imposed now four times in three years.

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QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE EVIDENCE THAT THE FARM STATES WILL SWING TO THE CARTER MONDALE TICKET, THIS REPORTER SAYS THAT HE HAS SEEN NO POLLS SUGGESTING THIS.

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Well, I'm very very pleased to be in Wichita and be here today with some old friends of mine. The former Governor Bob Docking, former Attg. General Miller, our next Congressman from this district Dan Brickman, General Synder and State Treasury Joan Finny. I'm very very pleased to have them with me here today.

This campaign is picking up we're gaining steam every day and I'm convinced that we're gonna win and we think that we have an excellent chance to win in Kansas for many many reasons. First of all, this is a state that happens to be the largest wheat producer in the country, the number one state in the union and the disastrous Republican economic policies are costing the wheat farmers of Kansas a great deal of money on each bushel that they produce because the price of wheat has fallen by over a dollar and thirty cents in the last year. The price of wheat is now below the cost of production. The Republican Policy brought us to this disastrous situation in two ways. First, the President vetoed two feed grain bills, one which now would have pegged the low levels at \$2.75 a bushel not enough but at least would have prevented the prices from falling further but the President vetoed that and he vetoed it on the grounds that the farmers could expect a lot of income from international trade but when prices firmed in international trade, this administration embargoed sale of grains four times in three years. Similarly, this state is a large beef producer and this administration has a tin ear on their pleas to establish a rational intelligent beef import program. Now on election eve they are trying to get the farmers to think their their friends again but I think that the farmers can see through that because first of all the increase of minimum loan prices is still far below production costs. Wheat prices can drop a great deal before they get down to that low level. Secondly, they announced an import program for beef, that's the large print, but when you look at the fine print you

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find out that it will let out as much beef to be imported this year as last year. The other reason is that I think the Republicans are looking desperate. You know in the debate the other night with Mr. Dole, I was mistified as to why he kept bringing up the issue of the retention of the Department of the Agriculture because Governor Carter has always supported the Department of the Agriculture, I've always supported the Department of Agriculture, and after the debate I said something must be bothering Bob Dole. So I took a look at his record and you know what, only one farm state senator on the Agriculture joined in the introduction of the Nixon Bill to eliminate the Department of the Agriculture and do you know who that Senator was? Robert Doel. So those are the issues. A candidate for President, Jimmy Carter, the first farmer to have a chance to be President since Thomas Jefferson his running mate, if I may say I've got one one of the best farm records in the United States Senate, running against an administration that has vetoed all of the farm bills and then slapped on the embargoes to prevent farmers from getting a decent price in international. We will reverse that. Signing good farm bills and pushing agriculture trade and withholding from that strategy of embargoes which were unnecessary and cost hundreds of millions of dollars to the farmers of this country.

QUESTION: Question on foreign policy.

REPLY: I'll tell you how I feel about that. That's another sign of desperation. Governor Carter said, made it very clear in the debate, that he was talking about two things. First of all the miserable economic proformance which has given us record high unemployment and runaway inflation has also, because of the domiance of the American economy, undermine the economies of Western Europe troubled the economies of Japan and Canada, and there is a major article today in the New York Times showing the

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tremendous economic instability around the world that flows directly from the inability of this dominant American economy to get back to full production and end inflation. Secondly, he was talking about the foreign policy that we have pursued that ignores basic American beliefs and values so that when we go around saying Africa for seven and one half years and support colonial rule, even though our country was one of the first to throw off colonial powers, support minority white governments such as Rhodesia and Eian Smith, that we lose the respect and the credibility that we should have and would have if our foreign policy would operate on the basis of our own beliefs. That's what Governor Carter is talking about. Those criticisms are valid and we would intend to change our foreign policy in that way.

QUESTION: Question pertaining to the decriminalization of heroin.

REPLY: I've never been for the decriminalization of heroin. I think that it is an unwise idea. Heroin is a hard drug and I certainly wouldn't support it.

QUESTION: ????????

REPLY: First of all, we would establish a loan program pegged at production costs. The Library of Congress says that in Kansas it costs on the average, and it varies from farm to farm, slightly over \$3.00 a bushel to produce wheat. Then we would let the farmer hold his crop in loan for a longer period than now permitted under the law. I would think maybe two years or three years we'd have to work that out, so that farmer could hold his own reserves and have a little more power over when to sell, so that would improve purchasing power and the other thing it is we wouldn't impose these embargoes that the Republicans have imposed now four times in three years.

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I really like Rockford, Illinois, this is a good place. I want to first of all thank you ourstanding Governor a dear and old friend of mine, Dan Walker, for that marvoulous introduction, I didn't believe it but I really liked it. You know it takes a man to do what he's doing and campaign for all of us this year and I personally appreciate it Dan and we're not going to forget it. Mayor McGall and officials, I'd like to recognized one person if you don't mind seated in the audience who comes from my hometown in Southern Minnesota. When I visited Plains, Jimmy Carter said what do you think of this town, I said, It looks pretty big to me because where I grew up Elmore it was far smaller and Eddy Refier was one of my pals that is here today, stand up Eddie, where are you. I agree with Dan, I see it in your faces. We see it all over the country. The American people want their White House back and their going to elect Jimmy Carter the next President.

Now it isn't easy to win this campaign and I have to confess to you that time and again President Ford has thrown us off our pace by diversionary tactics. In the last debate he really slowed us down when he announced that Eastern Europe was free from Soviet control. I'll be frank with you, we didn't know that. So we sent our research experts to the Library of Congress and they checked for a full week trying to figure out what we didn't know that he knew and then he announced he'd meant something else. Now he's moving so shrewdly that it's hard to know where he is. He was in Iowa and in order to throw us off he said it's nice to be in Ohio. Then he went to Oklahoma and he said that it's nice to be in Texas. Then he went to Lincoln, Illinois, and tried to fool us by saying it was Pontanic, some of the crowd objected and he said that it's nice to be in Bloomington. And I would just like to say one thing. All those weeks of this campiangn, when he was hiding in the White House and we were asking

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him to come out and campaign with the American people, we weren't criticizing him to be critical of him we thought it would be important that he get out into the country and find out about towns and communities and what the countries like before the campaign begins now that he's out of the White House he's having a great deal of difficulty and I hope that he will realize that our criticisms were just friendly advice to him and I think the point is there is not enough time for him to learn what's going on in this country and they'll pick someone like Jimmy Carter that has been out with the people for two years.

Th issues are very clear. The Republicans don't want to talk about it. They are very simple and every American knows what they are. First of all, we need an economy that works. You can not solve our peoples' problems, you cannot solve this nations problems unless every American who wants a job can find a good job and have it for a life time. And we can't solve our nations' problems unless the dollar remains worth a dollar. We have to have a President with the courage to stand up and fight the inflationary forces that are robbing working Americans of their purchasing power. And they have been there eight years, they have run the economy for eight years, and both unemployment and inflation are much worse, and both are getting worse and they have no plan to turn it around. That's why there are going to be a change. The President says, the economy is doing well. Well, why doesn't he come to Rockford and explain to the citizens of this community why there was full employment, 3 percent unemployment which is the lowest you can get, in 1968 when they took over and there is 9 percent unemployment now, three times greater. If he thinks it's so nice to be the head of a household and be unable to find a job why doesn't he come out here and find out what it is like and find out the cost in human terms, not just economic terms. The worst thing that you can do to a decent

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American is deny them the change for the dignity and the income of a job. That's where America begins. Since Mr. Ford took over unemployment is up 50 percent. For every ten people standing in the unemployment lines when he was appointed, there are now 15. And the latest statistics show that the heads of households, unemployment is rising. That's the key sector, the people that are trying to keep themselves and their families together. When they start loosing jobs, this country is in trouble. Then we asked the why all of the unemployment. Well they say that it's necessary to fight inflation but they don't seem to understand it isn't working Americans who are causing inflation. There aren't too many people at work with too much money chasing too few goods, that hasn't been true in this country for some years. And what it's like under the Republicans is to go to the hospital with a broken leg and be treated with kemotherapy for cancer instead. Your sick from the treatment and your leg gets worse. They don't know how to cure unemployment and unemployment has absolutely nothing to do with inflation.

The other day after the debate that commoner from Texas said, Mondale didn't do well in that debate and they said why. They said that he kept talking about inflation and inflation isn't much of a problem. Maybe it's not much of a problem if you earn 200,000 or 300,000 a year but if your a family on an average income trying to make ends meet and you realize that inflation has so robbed purchasing power that today it's the equivilant of 1965 that we have lost 11 years of real income under this administration, it is a real problem and your going to vote for a President who will finally attack inflation and make the dollar worth a dollar. They're not going to attack it. There hasn't been an anti-trust price fixing case brought by this administration since 1974. This President has not once critized the major industry for gouging the American public. The alumimum industry,

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according to the Counsel of Price Stability, recently raised it's prices in a way that was totally unjustified. Mr. Ford didn't try to surpress those prices, instead he tried to surpress the report and I want a President again, like John Kennedy, who will stand up and tell those big shots to keep those prices in line. Now they say lets forget all of that, we're different now. We're for jobs for everyone. We're for housing for everyone We've for health care that affordable. We want decent education for all of our children, that's what we're for now. In that arguement reminds me alot of what my dad use to tell me. My father was a minister in Southern Minnesota and he said you know son, the only thing bad about death bed conversions and I've heard alot of them, is sometimes they get well. We're not going to let this one get well..... Elect Jimmy Carter who doesn't have to be converted, who believes in it in the first place. We have never had an election in many many years where the difference between the two parties, the Republicans and the Democrats, was clear and as classic as they are now. The Republicans, as they always do, have run millions of Americans out of work and they have no plans for turning it around. They have watched the other way when the dollar is inflated and looses its purchasing power and they don't have the courage to stand up to high interest rates to make those big businesses compete and to use the power of the Presidency to keep prices in line and that's not all. As the economy shrinks, as people run out of work, as welfare costs rise, they want to take money from education, from health, from housing, from social security, from medicare, from mental health, from the handicapped. Always taking money from people in America who need our help, always. I don't want that kind of country. I want a country that goes back to work, that has a stable dollar, and is also humane and caring. I want to hear our President talk about helping people. Roosevelt once put it this way, he said government can error, goverments can

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make mistakes, but don't let us that the divine judge judges and measures the sins of the warm hearted and the sins of the cold blooded on different scale. Better the occasional faults of a government operating in a spirit of charity than the sins of omission of a government frozen in the ice of its own indifference. We'll make mistakes, don't worry about that. We'll do some dumb things, don't worry about that. But we want this country to prosper. We know how it hurts to be out of work. We know how it hurts to be a senior citizen and not have a decent retirement. We know how it hurts to have children that are not learning. We know how it hurts to have major illness which the insurance will not cover. We know how it hurts to try and raise a family in ... housing and depressing neighborhoods and the strength of America is to be found in the strength of our people and in the strength of our families, that's where the strength of America is. Oh, they say that you can't do that. Well, there predictors said that you could not have social security and we do because Democrats believed in it. They said that you couldn't have medicare but we do because we believed in it. They said that you couldn't have education but we did because we believed in it. All of the great progress has come about because the Democrats have stood up and fought for it and almost always over the opposition of the Republican ticket and I don't want to be unkind to my opponent but the thing that I wanted the American people to see in my debate the other night is that the Republican Party is just as backward looking, just as defensive of the past as its ever been, there is no hope there. Tell every senior citizen in Rockford, and tell everyone who plans to become a senior citizen that both Ford and Dole not only voted against medicare but the other night Dole said that he still thinks he's right. Can you imagine that? So the issues are there now we have got to get the vote out. There is more than enough of you to win this election. Right here. All you

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have got to do is start working every day, talk to your friends, your neighbors, in your churches, at your jobs, where ever you are just reach out and talk to people, but get it all together and let's win this thing and if we do and I'm sure that we are you all invited to the Inaugural Ball and if your short of money, don't let that bother you, Governor Walker has ask me to announce that he will pay for it out of his own pocket. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.