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①  
Question

Ford

Carter

Unemployment

→ "Mr Carter"  
did not endorse  
H H Bill ...  
w. of any more specific

expand the private  
sector,  
left look-g

- \* ✓ - R+D funds
- private sector commitment
- 20% unemployment in construction
- C-CCT program
- paying part of the salary of employed pro.

Wage + Price Control

- tax incentive to business
- work + learn

② 73% of production capacity...

Taxes cuts + bal budgets

① must hold the bid of fed expenditures (looking at reporter)

sounds as if he's reading

TAX Bill

③ Cong should add personal exemption 750 to 1000  
- Cong added 17 bill to our budget

② ③ Present top structure of welfare for rich.  
- cites 9.5  
first attack on free record

\* ✓ first speaker on subject



(2)

Ford

Carter

How balance budget

- if there's going to be a 60 Bill extra; don't put in new programs, return it to the American taxpayer.

✓ (4) by reducing unemployment to 4 1/2%

believes in balance budget, if immediate, & slowly phase new programs

Congressional committee disagrees

- So answer tap dance zero based budget

Pardons to viet waders

"Difficult for GRE to explain differences between RN Pardons and waders"

✓ (3) opportunity to earn it back. RN Parker - betrayed, lost control of respect their gov. Pleading new for GRE time

★ - Law is time to heal - Cheap shot allusion to Agnew

Overhaul of Fed Gov.

- GA expenditures up 50% 70-74  
- nos. of employees up 40%  
- Medicare program in GA in shambles.  
- We have reduced federal employees 11,000

✓ (6) what he did in GA -  
- expanded w/ staff  
- reduction in agency  
- consolidation of Energy  
free gestures  
nos of fed employees  
Question again



(3)

Ford

Carter

★ *✓* Overall response

- can't say for sure  
- shift from administrative to services

How pay for SW initiatives

✓ ⑦ 88 mill working today  
- economy is expected to improve moderate manner  
- attempting to be quite specific in responding to the question  
left eye blinking 3rd time phase  
"keep the lid"  
Also platform 100 Bill

- typical programs  
★ Rep. responses  
- beginning to relax  
call him "Mr Ford"

Use of Nuclear power plants

- Jan 1975 we submitted program to Congress

⑧ "former nuclear engineer"  
# No national energy policy.

"for" for "for"  
Called him "Coi Carter"

- 35 years of oil left in the world  
- solar energy  
- atomic power as a last resort

Mandatory conservation efforts

would advocate it.  
(appears more relaxed)  
GRF not seen tak-g notes



(H)

Ford

Center

Veto of unemp-  
loyment  
bill

④ defective stimulates  
economy ~~may~~ new, then  
employment will follow

"hold the lid" - repeated  
twice

(- closer camera angle  
below two, then Center)

~~AM~~

New jobs  
bills

- will cost \$ of bill  
- make work temporary  
jobs -  
"our people"

- "hold the lid" again

Cutting  
taxes  
how?

Center would  
raise the median  
income.  
would increase  
50% of workers

Gov ~~plan~~ played part  
+ Ford

\* "Mr" Ford  
cites employment  
figures.

- personalizes  
his responses,  
note contrast  
of style

accuses GPF of  
"insensitivity"  
"lack of leadership"

⑩ Disgraceful tax  
system

cites corp tax  
loopholes

Differ answer  
AP a week ago



(6)

Ford

Carter

Learning  
against which  
Bo. Shore  
Sen Scott

✓ (11) Nat. Washington feeling  
is misplaced -  
- should be focused on  
Congress  
Billion dollar congress  
(no personal tidbits)

Part for the program  
as a P.R. stunt  
(appeared smug &  
cheeky)

Can GRF  
get along  
with a Demo  
Congress

- we ~~will~~ will have  
different ratio  
- healthy checks  
+ balances

(\*)

CE has not accom-  
plish one program  
"big smile"

Feel has  
Dora

- Preserve independence  
of Chv of FRB

✓ (12) Opposed to Further  
Burns

Control  
of FBI

(13) Realized the intelligence  
community  
(getting tired)  
Don't need new laws

sound bite,  
audio

27 mins

"too much govt  
secretary"

(lack generally of  
chaos)



(2)

~~Ford~~

~~Carter~~

Carter close:

Its time to look to the future  
Ceo must cooperate with people

Looks into camera

No leadership  
lost vision

I don't know all the answers

(heavy hand gestures)

GRE close

- Never promise more than he can  
believe

- No place - more spending

more + more programs

first hit bit

"mom + mother + father"



10/6/76

# Debate #20 Foreign Policy + Defense

Questions

Ford

Carter

1 Nixon/Ford have had successful foreign policy

1 Rep administration all style, no leadership: No longer strong. weak defense. secrecy in foreign policy. Heron merchant of world did not answer question. Kissinger is real President

16 broad generalizations Carter is: Carter previous statement on cutting budget... Personalized his first answer

2 Communist expansion

2 Quick answer, I don't believe we will go back to cold war. Cites examples of Portugal Middle East (Russia weak) Justifies it from US tack initiative. U.S. is trustee (frequent use of hand gestures) NATO is no communist government.

Look out!

(26) Never advocated communism for Italy. "deliberate distraction" we went into S. Africa late.





Ford

Carter

③ What is your concept of "National interest"

③ Give foreign affair background. Secrecy in foreign affairs. Get the American people involved in foreign affairs. Ford speaks from a position of secrecy. ignoring human rights. Have "fire side" chats.

✓  
③b Carter contradicts himself; "would hold unpublished meetings with Russian". Cites openness of his of his administration. Henry K, 80 appearances before congress

④ Our relationship with Russia.

④ We have negotiated with Russia from position of strength. ICBM 2400 limit. Grain sales have been a benefit to U.S. Agriculture provides American farmer with full production capacity.

④a Jimmy thames repeated. Helsinki agreement not signed. No press conference by G-RE in 30 days. Refused to see Alex Solchenko. Arab boycott.

④ ✓  
even



Ford

Carter

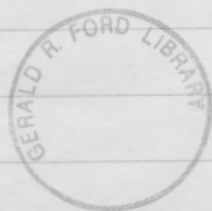
5) Would you risk an oil embargo?

(5) Not for. If Arabs boycotted us for oil, "I would not ship them nothing". Gulf merchants of world ~~of~~ ~~world~~ ~~of~~ them repeated. More weapons to Arab, than to Israel. Blame defense weakness on domestic problems. "economic declaration of war"

(6a) We have sold to Israel 4 Billion in hardware. Our good ally Israel. "27 yrs old" (It's 28 yrs old) "Gov Carter"

6) Peoples Rep of China (6) For normalization of relations with China... settled by peaceful means i.e. relations with Taiwan. We ~~are~~ will not forget our obligation to Taiwan. No policy to sell hardware (military) to any communist country.

(6a) Responds to GRT 5a. Suggested lack of clear commitment to Israel. (hiv) No answer to 6



Ford

Carter

7) What would convince you that defense spending should be cut?

7) U.S. no longer respected. ~~to~~ back to domestic issues, inflation, unemployment etc. Guns and butter both. Didn't answer question. Question repeated

7a) Carter has repeatedly asked for Defense Budget cuts. 15mm, 5mill. Personalized answer

8) The SALT talks irrelevant.

8) SALT I expires Oct 77. Quick answers, high on figures, stats etc. Theories on US/US military missile history. Good answer. very Presidential / Statesman like. New weapons system should be included in new SALT negotiations. "for" for "for"

8a) G.R.F. has learned the expiration of SALT I. Stop new plants. "Mr" not "President" Ford. Now have 5 nations with atomic power. - fear issue



Ford

Carter

9) Is US strong,  
is US respect

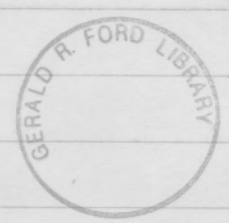
9) We are as strong as any nation  
in the world. We will never be  
strong overseas if we are  
not at home. Back to the domestic  
issues.

9a) Responds to Carter unemployment  
at peace, unemployment low during  
Democratic administration... but the  
figures are for wartime.  
What is more moral in foreign  
policy than Peace.

10) Morals: We  
tell other nations  
what to do  
internally?

10) Foreign policy must express  
morality. S. Africa initiative.  
(as it is a new (Ford)  
foreign initiative. Carter shows  
a worried Carter "I have"  
S. Korea.

10a) Truism in Chile. 85% of all  
food for peace went to military  
dictatorship. Misquotes out of  
context Carl Marx.  
Angola GRF tried to  
sturr up a new U.S. of  
Amen



Ford

Carter

11) Who you give up economic control over the Panama Canal Zone?

11) I would not give up the Panama Canal Zone. Would not

11a) We will maintain our national security interest in P.C.Z. Goes back to (10a)

12) Missoula incident. GAO

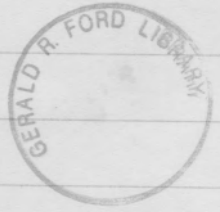
12) Tull permission given by W.H. in July 1976. Taylorizes engine I got a call from J.K. Papp of the ship thank-g me for my decisive action. We make every possible overture to Cambodia

12a) I haven't read the report, but I believe it is accurate. Suggested GRT waited 18 months to tell the truth.

13) Arab boycott

13) It's absolute disgrace. It's a matter of morality. GRT has block passage of legislation.

13a) I was the first President to take affirmative action. Have taken anti-trust against steel company. Signed the top bill preventing tax deduction by cooperating companies



Ford

Carter

14) Restriction  
with N. Viet  
Num; re  
MIA

14) Prerequisite of disclosure  
of all MIA whereabouts

14a) Should appoint a commission  
to go to N. Viet to negotiate  
with S. Viet.

Close

Carter:

