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**THE WHITE HOUSE**

**TEXT OF REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT**  
**TO BE DELIVERED AT THE**  
**GOP FUNDRAISING DINNER**

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**Beverly Hills, California**

It's been seven weeks since Kansas City. We've got the issues, we've got the momentum, and we've got less than four weeks to win a great victory for the American people.

I said in Kansas City that we wouldn't concede a single vote or a single state -- and we haven't. Governor Reagan and I are teaming up again here to say we're going to carry California with its 45 electoral votes, elect a Republican Senator and a number of new Congressmen America can be proud of.

I told you in Kansas City that I was ready and eager to debate Mr. Carter face to face on the real issues. I still am, if you can ever pin him down to them.

We have heard a lot of non-answers from Mr. Carter, a lot of marvelous mathematics, a lot of fuzzy and contradictory policy proposals. I still don't know where Mr. Carter stands on most issues, and I'm not sure he does.

I can sympathize when he says he'll have to take a few years to study the problems and get all the facts. That's reasonable, so let's give Mr. Carter a few more years to prepare himself -- but not on the taxpayer's time.

You know what I'll do because you know what I've done for the past 26 months.

You know where we were then and you know where we are now -- at peace, recovering from recession, rebuilding pride in America's 200 years of freedom.

You know what I have done as President despite the partisan obstruction of a Congress stacked 2-to-1 against me.

We heard before the convention that our party was sick and dying. Now we hear the voters are overcome with apathy and don't really care who wins. I don't believe that.

The American people do care, they do have a clear choice, and our job is to get them to the polls November 2 to register the right choice for our country.

This election isn't just a televised quiz show to see which contestant gets to live in the White House for four years.

Make no mistake: This election is about the direction America will take in its third century of independence.

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Mr. Carter may be deficient on details, but the general direction of his philosophy is very plain -- it is the same direction the liberal wing of his party has led us down for the last 44 years.

Don't forget, his party has controlled Congress and written all the laws for 40 of those 44 years. That's really what's wrong in Washington! Mr. Carter wants more Federal government. I want less.

Mr. Carter wants higher Federal taxes for middle-income taxpayers. I want lower taxes for everybody, especially the overburdened man-in-the-middle. Mr. Carter wants less defense insurance. I want the strongest and best military capability money can buy.

Mr. Carter wants to reduce our commitments to our allies. I want to maintain America's world leadership for peace. These are real differences, serious choices to be made. Mr. Carter and his party's platform chart one course for this country; no matter how he zigs and zags, there's no doubt where he wants to go.

The direction Mr. Carter would take us is the same one that brought us double-digit inflation, a tax load that stifles initiative and slows economic expansion, a slowdown in research and development and oppressive interference by a know-it-all Federal government. I stand for a different direction.

This year my budget reduced the rate of Government growth by half. Congress exceeded it by more than 18 billion dollars, but I still mean to submit a balanced budget in 1979. I have cut 11,000 jobs from the Federal bureaucracy. Next year, with a better Congress, I will cut thousands more.

My 59 vetoes saved the American taxpayers 9.4 billion dollars; Mr. Carter constantly criticizes them. If his party's Congress had not overridden 12 of my vetoes, I would have saved you 16 billion dollars more.

When I say I stand for smaller government, my performance proves it. Mr. Carter says he is for reforming and reorganizing bureaucracy, but his performance tells a far different story. Don't take it from me -- ask your friends in Georgia!

What do you think you'll get from a liberal Democratic President and another 2-to-1 liberal Democratic Congress? One thing you certainly will get is more spending and bigger deficits.

Another thing you will get is more runaway inflation. One thing you certainly won't get is lower Federal taxes.

Another thing you won't get is less Federal government. So, I say the choice before our country is clear. You know where I stand.

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I have campaigned ever since 1948 on the principle that a government big enough to give us everything we want is a government big enough to take from us everything we have.

As Republicans, we are not motivated by the love of governmental power but by the fear of it. We speak for those who work hard, pay their taxes, obey the laws, and want to be left alone in their god-given liberties.

We are firmly committed to a policy of peace through strength in a world where freedom is still threatened by aggressive adversaries. The United States of America must and will remain number one!

I know how deeply all of you are devoted to these principles, and I thank you for your steadfast support. But there is one more effort I must ask of you.

Republicans alone cannot win this election. The principles we hold are just as dear to millions of our friends and neighbors who prefer to be Democrats or Independents.

Between now and November 2, I ask every Republican to persuade just one Independent and one Democrat -- two concerned citizens who feel as we do about the new direction this country must take -- to go to the polls and vote their true convictions.

If you do this -- person-to-person and friend to friend -- we can win and we will win a great victory for the American people.

There is no way we can go forward except together. There is no way we can lose except by resting before the last poll closes.

Together, not as partisans but as proud Americans, let's get America off to a good start on our third century of freedom.

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