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Working, getting nowhere

NEAR POOR, From 1-A
celed, and the working poor would be dropped from the rolls.

- They would be unable to use free health clinics.

- Although the programs are complex and the impact of Ford's proposed cuts is not yet clear, it is likely they also would be excluded from various housing and education programs.

- Finally, the family's wage earner would pay \$23 more in Social Security taxes and, because the present "earned income credit" would be abolished at this income level, he would pay \$25 more in income taxes. Americans with higher incomes would get a tax cut under the President's proposal:

Jean Blackwell, a 25-year-old nurse's aide who lives with her mother in Darby and supports herself

"It's bad enough with W.I.A. tax, take out now," she says. "I don't plan on living with my mother all the time. What if the rent man goes up on the rent? How are you going to manage that if they take more money out? Sometimes, you feel you're stuck."

Payday's no blessing

Kay McCullough, a Philadelphia sales clerk who takes home about \$80 a week, says she has no hope of improving her lot, either. A sales clerk for 14 years, she says, "At this level you don't live, you just exist."

"Sometimes I look at my paycheck and I get sick. I get almost physically sick."

Sociologist Dr. David Elesh says that if there is any help for people at the near poor income level, it is through a negative income tax.

For the last several years, Elesh has worked with a pilot project under which the negative income tax has been used in selected cities in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Under the negative tax plan, families with incomes ranging from 125 to 150 percent of the federal poverty level — currently about \$5,000 a year for a nonfarm family of four — were given supplements to make up for their tax payments.

"Under this system, the more you make, the less help you get until there is a cutoff point of say around \$8,000 or \$10,000, in which you begin to pay in again to the tax system."

"Such a system removes the inequities of the welfare system. For example, it is possible, since welfare payments are tax-free, for a working family that pays taxes to have a lower income than a welfare family that pays no taxes. It is also simpler to operate than the welfare system."

Meet America's near-poor, a beleaguered class

By Robert Schwabach
Inquirer Staff Writer

Bill Hiles works full time for about \$35 a week.

He actually makes more than that, of course: \$101 a week, to be exact. But the \$35 is the difference between what he gets for working and what he would get if he just gave up and went on welfare.

And, if he were in poor health, he most likely would be better off on welfare, which would cover his medical expenses. He has no coverage now.

Bill Hiles is a janitor who lives and works in Haverford. He is 50 and has worked all his adult life.

But the closest Bill Hiles ever comes to the American dream is when he looks out his window at the posh Merion Cricket Club across the street.

He is part of a large group of Americans who have steady employment but whose incomes are so low that they can barely get along.

The Census Bureau calls them the "near poor." These are people, most of them single but many the heads of households, who earn \$5,000 to \$8,250 a year. There are 10.6 million of them and they are, to a large extent, the forgotten Americans.

Under the tax change proposals recently presented to Congress by

President Ford, their taxes will go even higher and their benefits lower.

John Raines, a Temple University professor and author of "Illusions of Success," a book about the plight of the middle class, says the near poor are the people truly being "impacted" under present conditions.

"There definitely is a basic unfairness," Raines says. "They are told that anyone who works hard can get ahead, and yet their whole life experience belies that."

"Their response is, they don't vote and they don't pay much attention to public events. They have never been helped by political changes and they don't expect to be."

There is nothing on the horizon to alter their expectations. Under the President's budget and tax proposals, the members of a typical near poor family of four, in which the head of the household earns \$150 a week, or \$7,800 a year, can expect the following changes:

- They would no longer be entitled to the minimum allotment of food stamps. They would have to pay an additional \$30 a month — \$360 a year — for a merely adequate diet.
- Their children, if they are of school age, would no longer be entitled to free or reduced-price school lunches. This would cost them as

much as another \$1.20 a day. Ten cents a day would be added to their expenses because the children no longer would be entitled to the free half-pint of milk that for years has been part of morning recess at many elementary schools.

• They would lose their eligibility for special nutrition programs for pregnant women, nursing mothers, infants and preschool children. Under the President's proposals, the \$3.2 billion now spent annually for such purposes would be slashed by a third. Many local programs, especially those in the cities, would be can-

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A vicious circle

Elesh says, President Ford's tax proposals are so clearly damaging to those with the least ability to pay that he doubts the proposals would get through Congress. "But they might, because politicians don't pay much attention to these people. They don't vote. It's circular."

"The level of political alienation among the working poor has been rising steadily since 1960, which is as far back as polls on this subject go."

"Their view of their position is basically realistic. Not only do politicians pay little attention to them, but the administrators of veterans' programs and food stamp programs have not made terrific efforts to reach people. They are under pressure to keep those budgets down."

"At the height of all welfare payouts a few years ago, for example, it was estimated that only 50 percent of those eligible for welfare actually received it. Now it's even less."

In Philadelphia and the surrounding counties, there is no central information service for people who want to inquire about possible benefits.

And Rosemary Hake, Philadelphia regional planning director for the State Department of Health Education and Welfare, admits, "Even people who are professionals in this field (welfare benefits) get confused about who offers what."

"And then, just because you find out you are eligible for something to get

Eligibility a puzzle

Hiles, for example, is eligible for a number of so-called "social services" to help with the care of his small daughter and ailing wife, including a visiting housekeeper, day care and transportation to and from hospitals and social agencies. But Mrs. Hake says that it is doubtful he can get them because the demand for the benefits exceeds the available funding.

Mrs. Blackwell might be eligible for some of these benefits as well, a department caseworker says. Mrs. McCullough is probably not eligible, but her 20-year-old son, who is out of work, may be. To find out, they must spend a considerable amount of time threading through the bureaucracy and then risk being told that they are entitled to some help but that there is not enough to go around.

Emily Stone, the mother of two children, supports her family on the \$137 a week she takes home as a telephone operator for a Philadelphia hospital. She is better off than some of the near poor. If her teenaged children go to work, she thinks she will be all right. If the tax situation does not get any worse, she thinks she will be all right.

But she has no idea where to turn to try to ensure that her financial situation does not deteriorate.

"Let's face it," she says, "it doesn't matter what you say. We have no say about anything."

Ans 8/17/41
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Dear Gov. J. Carter:

Why are you waiting, instead of letting Pres. Ford win his primaries without any utterances from you regarding the Ford administration weaknesses and lack of concern of the "middle class and near poor"?

Please read the enclosed article that appeared in the "Phila. Inquirer" newspaper and let's hear from you by your future remarks relating to the economy and how to help the majority of Americans.

As a future worker in Penna for your upcoming primary victory!

Sincerely, H. Ruffin

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March 21, 1976
Dear Sir: ^{Ans} 8.14.76 ^{off}

Last Sunday my wife and I listened attentively and with an open ~~mind~~ ^{mind} to your appearance on Face the Nation. After it was over my wife asked "what did he say and what issues did he take a stand on?" Frankly, I did not know - For the life of me I could not think of one single issue that you took a positive stand on.

I remember your silly gins and your efforts to evade every question and to be all things to all people, but I cannot remember

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you taking a firm positive stand
 on any question - all of the people
 I talked to last week felt the
 same way.

Before I misjudge you as a
 gutless politician who does not
 want to offend any one before the
 election, will you please answer
 these questions with a plain yes
 or no!

1. Would you recommend bussing
 children for miles (as in Boston)
 when people on both sides oppose it,
 knowing that it will only result
 in more hatred and violence with
 no possible chance of improving
 the education of either side.

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Please a plain yes or no answer - Please do not insult my intelligence by saying that you will uphold the law - I assume that much.

2. How do you feel about the Panama Canal?

a. Do we fight for it or do we give in to the bleeding hearts and give it up little by little.

3. You are very vocal in your criticism of Secretary Kissinger, but I have yet to hear how you would handle the Russians, Israel

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Egypt and the far East. Specifically
 how would you handle it?

4. What do you propose to do
 about Castro and Cuba?

5. What about defense? Do we
 continue to become inferior to
 the Russians or do we make the
 necessary sacrifices to be
 the number one power in the World?

6. Do you have the courage to
 stand up to big labor (unpopular)
 as well as to big business (popular)?

I met Lester Maddox once
 and though I did not think he

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was too bright, I did think he
was honest - I believe Mr.
Maddox and Geo Wallace
when they say you are a
liar.

I understand several M^c
Governor people are very active
in your campaign. Do you
agree with Mr M^c Governor's
senseless programs?

Very truly yours

Clark
Geo Wallace

P.S. I am not a
supporter.

(over)

my wife just read this letter &
said if you had not had time
to think about the issues (she heard
this in one of your interviews) you
would not find time to reply
to my letter - ~~but~~ Perhaps she
is right -

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W/you Mr. Carter,

*And Neil S. June 24, 1976
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In the interest of the men and women who opposed the Vietnam war placing their consciences rather than their persons at the service of their country, we are asking you to consider supporting a minority report on the question of an unconditional pardon which includes both resisters and deserters.

More than 500,000 young Americans were involved in resisting that war. The draft resister was the more educated, knowledgeable person. The military deserter was largely from the poor and minority groups who did not have the educational benefits and opportunities for legal assistance and deferments that some others did. To refuse them a pardon would only compound the injustice and inequities they already suffer from both the military and civilian justice systems.

Unconditional pardon for the evaders and the deserters alike, would not be unfair to those who served because it makes no moral judgement. It places no burden of guilt on those who served without question, or on those who questioned and fled.

We urge you to support a minority report for an unconditional pardon so the entire platform committee may have the opportunity to examine more than one point of view on this sensitive moral question.

We thank you in advance.

Cordially,

Dorothy Eldridge
Dorothy Eldridge,
Director

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The Only True Honor

by Louise B. Ransom

It is not possible to deal with the subject of amnesty for 500,000 young Americans without first dealing with the subject of the Vietnam War.

The war and I have endured a lasting relationship since my oldest son, Mike, was killed near My Lai five years ago this spring. He arrived at his first assignment—a new 2nd Lieutenant infantry platoon leader—on the very day of the massacre, March 16, 1968. After that unspeakable atrocity committed by our own American troops, who could blame the embittered South Vietnamese farmer who set the mine that killed Mike such a few weeks later?

Had he been alive in November, 1968, he would have rejoiced that Lyndon Johnson had been deposed. He once wrote: "I did hear Johnson's speech of de-escalation and non-candidacy and thought it the best of his career. It created in me a great sense of hope that this obscenity over here would end shortly." How he would have welcomed the new President with his shining promises to end the war and bring us together.

But where are we now, five long years later? We have a cease-fire and "peace with honor," but we have not ceased firing, people are still dying, and honor is nowhere to be found.

We can look back in horror and shame that the most advanced technological nation in the world was virtually annihilating—in the name of freedom—several primitive agricultural countries to preserve the thrones of such leaders as Nguyen Van Thieu and Lon Nol. The ultimate anguish for me is that my own son lost his life in the perpetration of such shame.

And the shame grows as the perfidy of our leaders is revealed through the deceptions detailed in the Pentagon Papers and the disillusioning reality of Watergate. This painful knowledge clarifies for me the action of those men who would not permit their bodies to be used, as Mike's was, to continue the madness. Their "crime"? They refused to obey leaders whom they could neither believe nor trust.

I share bitter tears with all of those who are victims of this war, particularly the 57,000 mothers whose sons will never return. We mothers weep also for the thousands of our sons who are maimed for life, wounded in body and spirit. There are, of course, not enough tears in the whole world for the mothers in Indochina. Creating half a million more war victims because of intransigence to amnesty is unbearable to contemplate.

The deepest tragedy for me, too deep for tears, comes from despair over what we have become as a nation. What are our true values? What does it mean when our heroes are professional warriors, when the bulk of our treasure is spent for instruments of death rather than to improve the quality of life, when the leaders we choose to govern us value power above people?

How are we parents, conscious of our American heritage—founded in dissent and dedicated to freedom—to raise our children to be proud of their country in such a climate? Have we not placed in jeopardy the very birthright of their whole generation to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness?

How can I help my five remaining sons to find some positive meaning in the death of their brother?

My husband and I have long faced the difficult truth that there was no gain for this country from our son's death. His life was wasted by his own government and nothing we do can alter that.

But the President, in an effort to find value where there is none, has said: "Let us not dishonor those who served their

country by granting amnesty to those who deserted America." In other words, if amnesty is not granted, the death becomes honorable. I must disagree.

The only way we can dishonor those who died is to learn nothing from them—to repeat the past and continue our present course of action.

We are a divided, corrupted, and bloodstained nation. A universal and unconditional amnesty for men who refused to fight in the war—the ghastly symbol of all that is wrong—might just be the very element that could help to heal us.

At the very least, it could reconcile parents and sons. It could also restore our pride in ourselves as a compassionate people. It could revive our vision of devotion to social justice and renew our self-confidence by recognizing freedom of conscience for all.

Let us, therefore, join hands,—rich and poor, black and white, parents and children—united in our faith in the healing power of amnesty, and determined to achieve it.

If somehow all the sorrow, and all the tears, and the killing can help us to become a better people, perhaps then, and only then, can we say that these deaths—these sacrifices—have been redeemed and will have had a positive meaning for us as Americans—the only true honor.

The young dead soldiers do
not speak.
Nevertheless, they are heard
in the still houses: who has
not heard them?
They have a silence that speaks
for them at night and when
the clock counts.
They say: We were young. We
have died. Remember us.
They say: We have done what
we could but until it is
finished it is not done.
They say: We have given our
lives but until it is finished
no one can know what our
lives gave.
They say: Our deaths are not
ours; they are yours, they
will mean what you make
them.
They say: Whether our lives
and our deaths were for
peace and a new hope or for
nothing we cannot say; it is
you who must say this.
They say: We leave you our
deaths. Give them their
meaning.
We were young, they say. We
have died. Remember us.

—Archibald MacLeish

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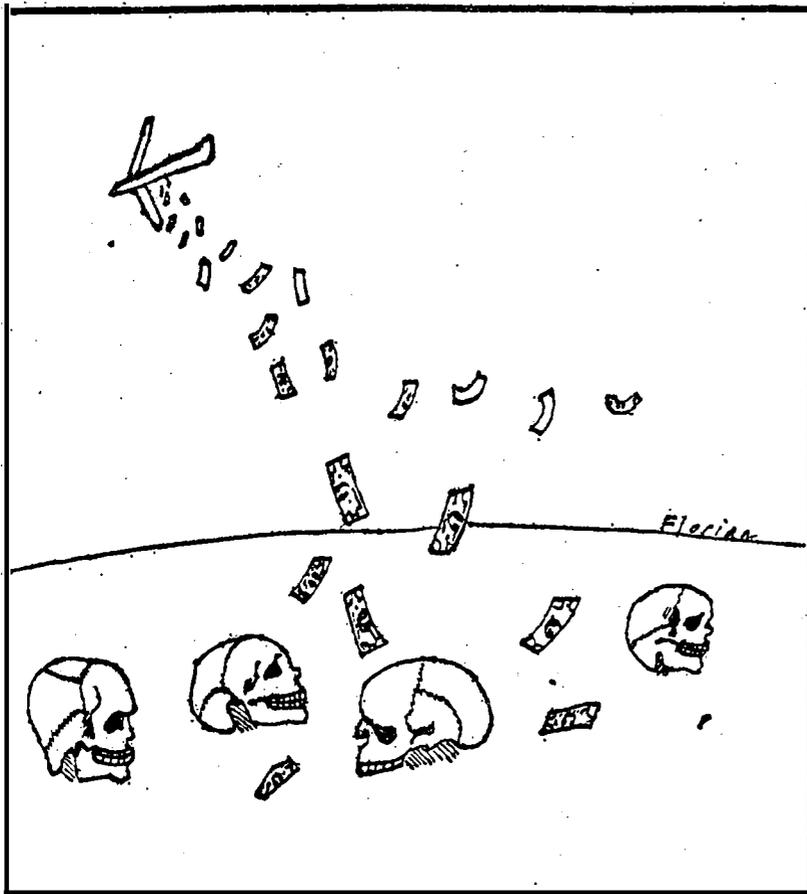
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Bereavement and a Pilgrimage



By Robert C. Ransom

BRONXVILLE, N. Y.—When my oldest son, Mike, was killed in Vietnam nearly six years ago I never thought I would visit the now-bleak coastal plains between Quang Ngai and My Lai where he died. Last month I did.

This was a difficult pilgrimage for me because I had long since concluded that his life was wasted by his own Government in a war that his fellow countrymen want only to forget. I had reluctantly come to believe he died for a cause that had brought only discredit and shame to the United States. It was my hope that in going to Vietnam I might find some consolation for his loss if there was evidence that his sacrifice had somehow served the Vietnamese people.

I wanted to find the honor promised by our Government when we signed the Paris agreement in January, 1973. Sadly, it must be said that none is to be found. The very use of the word when applied to the conduct of the Government of Nguyen Van Thieu is a mockery.

Nor is there any peace in Vietnam. At night we lay awake listening to the sound of the guns and rockets. Responsible sources said at the time that there had been at least 119,849 casualties since the "cease-fire."

As a lawyer I welcomed the opportunity to join four other Americans in a trip to assess the prospects for peace in Vietnam. I had heard much about abuses of the legal and judicial system there, but I would not have believed it had I not seen for myself what can only be called a total police state.

President Thieu's palace is a fortress surrounded by army tents, pillboxes with anti-aircraft guns, and helicopter pads. On every block in Saigon we encountered policemen and paramilitary forces equipped with United States M-16 rifles and sidearms.

We were overwhelmed with the personal impact of talking with people who had actually suffered torture and the brutality of prison life. The palpable presence of terror was everywhere—in the sure knowledge of these people that any apparent opposition to the Government, or the indication of a desire for peace, would be met with reprisals against members of their families, even young children, in the form of seizure and subjection to the inhuman incarceration so prevalent.

One of our group attended a Saigon military court where defendants were tried without benefit of counsel, given five-minute hearings, and in every case convicted of "political" crimes.

Particularly disturbing was the realization that many of the people who

spoke with us, at considerable risk to their own freedom and safety, believed that once we were made aware of the facts of daily existence in South Vietnam we would be able to do something about them.

In separating fact from myth, we knew that 80 per cent of the costs of the Thieu Government were borne by American taxpayers. Just how much of the money was used for humanitarian aid to the people was one of the myths. Unfortunately, we saw little evidence that American money was being used for anything but support of the Thieu military regime.

When I was in the northern part of the country, where my son had been, I visited an encampment in which 750 families lived who were supposed to have been resettled as part of the "return-to-village" program. They lived under appalling conditions behind barbed wire. They had not received their allotments of money and tin roofing to build new homes; they did not have their promised allowances of rice; and they were not permitted out into the fields to grow the rice, on which their lives depended. With horror, I observed a family of six, near starvation, eating a meal of chopped banana stalks just to fill their stomachs.

I visited a small primitive hospital that serviced many of the more than 100,000 civilian amputees. Nowhere did I see a sign of sophisticated American medical assistance. Instead, a small group of dedicated, privately supported workers were making valiant efforts under impossible conditions.

We heard and noted that even the food supplies paid for by the United States did not reach the intended beneficiaries because of the ever-present graft and corruption at all levels of the civilian and military bureaucracy.

The fact is that the American presence now, as before, remains a disaster, not only as a result of the wartime devastation, defoliation and displacement of people, but as a continuing financial presence that maintains a Government of military officers that clings to power no matter what the cost to peace, freedom and democratic principles.

I wish every member of Congress, before they vote more funds for President Thieu, could share my experience. The Paris peace agreement was supposed to guarantee the right of self-determination to the Vietnamese people through democratic liberties and elections. It was supposed to provide the honor in my son's death.

It is doing neither.

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June 23, 1976

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Dear Envelope-Stuffer:

I am among those who will readily acknowledge that Jimmy Carter is probably the most astute Democratic politician since Franklin Roosevelt. However, even though Gerald Ford does some disagreeable things, he does them openly, and since I am voting for the first time, I have promised myself that I would not vote for a pig-in-a-poke this year. Therefore, at your earliest convenience, if at all possible, please send to me Mr. Carter's position papers that apply to the economy, tax reform, foreign policy, defense, energy policy, national health care, and governmental reorganization, items that the news media, local and national, have energetically ignored.

Thank you for your extra effort,

Douglas O. Smith

P.S. If there is a charge involved with the position papers, please send them and I will return the remittance. Trust Me.

Extra P.S. I read Why Not the Best? and discovered that Jimmy Carter is a man of good intentions. But, as the old saying goes (Jimmy must know this one), "the road to hell is paved with good intentions." I hope his position papers have more than just those good intentions.

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Jimmy Carter for President Committee
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear People for Jimmy Carter:

Please place my name on your campaign mailing list.

As well, I would like information about Jimmy Carter's
positions on foreign policy matters, the domestic economy,
a national health plan and the Equal Rights Amendment.

This will be
taken care
of Thank you.
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Sincerely,


Joseph Martin Jr.
9 Eustis Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02140.

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426 Elizabeth Avenue
Ramsey, New Jersey 07446
June 17, 1976

Mr. James Carter
Presidential Candidate
Plains, Georgia

Dear Mr. Carter:

In a recent column by Mr. Victor Riesel, Labor Reporter, it was stated that you have pledged to the AFL-CIO that you will support the new common situs legislation which President Ford vetoed. It was also reported that you are committed to sign a repeal of Taft-Hartley Section 14-B, which has given the states the right to ban the Union Shop and the dues checkoff. I and my organization are strongly opposed to both of these legislative issues and prior to the election in November, we would like a specific statement of your position on these two issues.

Sincerely,



Harold T. Walker

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482 Brightwaters Drive
Cocoa Beach, Fl 32931
12 July 1976

Dear Governor,

I have written this letter, or one like it, at least five times during the past five or six months. Each time I tore it up because I knew the letter would be read by a member of your staff, my name would be added for the tenth time to your mailing lists, and I would receive a very nice folksy thank you form letter. However, However, I've come to the conclusion that if what I have to say has any merit, this letter should inch its way up, possibly to your personal attention.

My subject is transportation, Specifically, railroads. I want to set forth a concept which involves a triad renovation of our railroad system (maintenance-of-way, rolling stock, and traffic) at this time I shall restrict myself to one point of the triad, maintenance-of-way.

Practically all Americans accept the fact that our highway, waterway, and airway systems are supported by governmental funds. In fact, we not ~~only~~ support government support for these transportation systems, we believe the government should own our highways and waterways and many of the essential devices which permit air traffic to move with relative ~~sa~~ safety. But when we talk about the railroads, what used to be the shining pillars of true private enterprise, people become aghast at the thought of federal intervention into the operation of the railroads. We have ~~intervened~~ intervened already, but what money we have spent ~~represents~~ represents ~~only~~ only a few drops of blood for the extensive transfusion that will be required. If such a massive transfusion will be required, and I am convinced it will, then we ought to take a hard look and make ~~some~~ some 20-year plans; or at least start them.

The primary point of my triad is the rejuvenation of the railroad roadbeds. This could not be a piecemeal effort. Within one year, ~~every~~ every mainline and every important trunkline should have to be upgraded completely. There should not be a ~~section~~ section of line which not be able to bear 40-lb axle loads moving at 60 mph, except where traffic ~~congestion~~ congestion or safety would require lower speeds. At the end of the second year, all of our main and trunk ~~lines~~ lines should be able to handle ~~90~~ 90 mph traffic. ~~In~~ In order to handle rail traffic traveling beyond 90 mph, we would have to develop new technologies, and my concept involves going with ~~existing~~ existing technology.

This "upgrading" of the roadbeds can't be accomplished by allowing the existing companies to perform this task. History shows us their failure to do this task. What we need to do is to take the roadbeds away from the control of the existing railroad companies and to establish what I call "maintenance-of-way ~~and~~ utilities."

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Honorable Jimmy Carter
Plains, Georgia, 31780.

21st June 1976
4118 Kenilworth Road
Columbia, S.C. 29205

Dear Mr. Carter:

It is my feeling that many registered southern voters will make a determination as to whom they will support for the Presidency of the U.S. on your full and clear answer and stand on national issues including the question that follows:

Mr. Carter, do you believe a man should be compelled to join a union against his will in order to get and hold a job?

Your answer, or failure to answer, this inquiry within a reasonable time will influence my vote and will probably be reported to The State, a newspaper printed in Columbia, S.C.

I am 76 years of age, retired, consider myself an independent and have no ax to grind.
Please get on record.

In the interest of the best man for the job, the President of the United States, I am

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yours truly
Lawrence E. Kirven

Kemmer
RR 3 Hanover Rd.
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT

June 30, 1976

Dear Mr. Carter,

Enclosed is a letter to the New York Times together with the cc/ concerning an issue that has been bathed in secrecy. In our opinion, there should be banner headlines and TV fanfare.

As a presidential candidate, everything you say is news. Certainly the fact that the Soviet Union is ignoring the human rights provisions of the Helsinki Agreement by preventing the free flow of information is news. My real quarrel is with the ABC; and with our media for forgetting that John Peter Zenger ever was!

Can you help draw attention to this matter?
Time is short.

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Sincerely,
Jeanne A. Kemmer
(Mrs. Howard A. Kemmer, Jr.)
President

NEWTOWN LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

P. O. BOX 162

NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT 06470

June 30, 1976

Dear *Six*

On February 4, 1976, the opening day of the winter Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria, the International Olympics Committee denied accreditation to Radio Free Europe to cover the Games. RFE learned about this action through a Tass news broadcast stating that the exclusion was the result of protests by the Soviet Union and her allies.

As the Austrian Organizing Committee had done, the Canadian Organizing Committee has granted RFE accreditation for the summer Games in Montreal, but this policy is subject to IOC approval.

On March 24, 1976 Senator Abraham Ribicoff introduced S. Res. 413, co-sponsored by Senators Hubert Humphrey and Charles Percy, which objected to the IOC decision and called for freedom of the press in Montreal. The resolution is to be voted on this week.

At the May, 1976 League of Women Voters National Convention in New York City, I introduced a similar resolution, which subsequently passed. Both resolutions refer to the commitment made by the Soviet Union to human rights at the Helsinki Conference of 1975.

According to Senator Ribicoff, the 1980 Olympics will be held in Moscow and the Soviets are attempting to establish a press censorship precedent. Already this past Spring, West German reporters have been denied access to an Olympic handball qualification match and to the Leipzig trade fair. It would seem that the USSR is trying to censor news broadcasts into Eastern Europe.

We, representatives of an organization which supports international co-operation, open government, and freedom of the media, regard the banning of radio reporters from an international athletic event to be a blatant violation of human rights and subsequently a retreat from the reality of the 20th century's recognition of the importance of facilitating international relations.

Hardly any of the 1500 LWV delegates had heard of this situation. Why have you been so quiet? The IOC has already condoned totalitarian censorship of the media and may do so again. At least the Soviet Union may be respected for doing "their thing". Where have you been? Or are you so indifferent that you are, in effect, censoring the censorship?

Sincerely,

Joanne S. Kemmerer, President, League of Women Voters of Newtown
R.R. 3, Hanover Road
Newtown, Connecticut 06470

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Ronald Reagan

cc/ of letter to IOC:
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Sen. Ribicoff
" Weicker
Cong. Moffett
" Sarasin
ABC
George Will
Waldemar von Siebenthal
Harry Reasoner
Howard K. Smith
James McKay

June 17, 1976
c/o Mr. Williams
3250 Palm Ave.
San Diego, CA 92154

Dear Gov. Carter:

I am a senior at Montgomery High School, and I am interested in your political views and ideas. In what ways would you make a better president than the other presidential candidates?

What should we, the people expect from you as our president? Will you solve our inflation, pollution and unemployment problems? I hope I will be able to obtain a job when I graduate from college! How do you feel about abortion and women's liberation? Do you think people trust in our government less because of "Watergate."

The matter of countries wanting to be the "most powerful" really puzzles me. Isn't it enough that people are living and healthy. For instance, India is an over-populated country filling with people dying and starving. They could of spent the money in helping these people, but instead they purchase an atomic bomb! What is your opinion on this? Saving lives are ~~more~~ far more important than a bomb. I think people should stop and look around and see whats happening to us. Maybe everyone is to busy to care anymore. I hope that one day we can all be friends and help each other out instead of competing against each other.

I would appreciate your answering my letter as soon as possible. Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,
Mary Forayno

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*Would appreciate
reply.*

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May 14, 1976

Governor Jimmy Carter
P. O. Box 1976
Atlanta, Georgia 30301

Dear Governor Carter:

I was greatly impressed by your comments at the breakfast at the Plaza yesterday morning. You indicated that you had position papers available on various subjects.

I am a partner of Loeb, Rhoades and Director of Investment Research. I would appreciate your sending me a copy of everything to my home, 941 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10028. If you have too much first send the ones that affect national economic policy, urban affairs, foreign policy, etc.

Sincerely,

John A. Levin
John A. Levin

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Mike Steiner
248 San Marin Drive
Novato, Ca. 94947
June 9, 1976

Mr. James Carter
P. O. Box 1976
Atlanta, Georgia 30301

Dear Mr. Carter,

I have now been following your campaign for over three months and hold a pretty strong opinion of your actions.

When you said you didn't see anything wrong with communities maintaining their "ethnic purity", I was very shocked. If these neighborhoods were "ethnically pure", how could minority groups be accepted in these areas?

I am in favor of a national health plan, but how do you intend to pay for it? There is already a great strain on the taxpayers and with this health plan it seems to me that there would be more of a burden on the taxpayers.

When I heard that you were given a new image through the efforts of your hairdresser and your speech teacher, I thought it was somewhat deceiving to the public when you could have presented yourself as the real "you!".

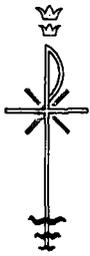
After hearing some of your speeches on foreign affairs, your position did not seem too clear to me. What is your position on foreign affairs?

Sincerely,

Mike Steiner

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Jimmy Carter Campaign Headquarters
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Carter:

As one who works with the elderly I am interested in knowing what your plans are for those who are over 65.

Please send me an outline of your plans for the elderly.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Ms. Virginia R. Fiess

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① Pollution Problem
② Pop. Growth
③ Foreign Aid

1752 S. Canyon dr.
Redmond OR. 97756
June 4, 1976

Jimmy Carter
Campaign Headquarters
Plains Georgia 31780

Dear Mr. Carter:

I am writing to you for a class in school. (Current Events).

I would appreciate it if you would tell me your views on a few things.

1. What would you do about the Pollution problem in the U.S. if you were elected President?
2. What would you do about the Population Growth in the U.S. if you were elected President of the U.S.?
3. How do you feel about the way the U.S. handles it's Foreign Aid?

I hope for a reply because I am very interested in what you have to say.

Sincerely yours,

Teresa Butler
Teresa Butler

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MRS. WILLIAM HALL PRESTON, JR.
Wickwood
BOONEVILLE, MISSISSIPPI 38829

June 19, 1976

Mr. Jimmy Carter
Candidate for President of the United States
Plains, Georgia

Dear Mr. Carter:

This letter is a personal plea that you
reconsider your stand on National Health Insurance.

My father, a general practitioner and surgeon,
worked tirelessly for 51 years (via health education,
economic improvement and expansion of health facilities)
to bring quality medicine to the people of the rural
areas of Mississippi. My husband, in his eleventh year
of practice, continues in this tradition.

We have already seen the adverse effects of
national controls on medical service in our area and
do not feel that any program of national health insurance
will increase the quality of health care in our state or
nation.

Thank you for listening!

Sincerely,

Jane A. Preston
Jane Anderson Preston

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Feb 22, 1976

Dear Mr Carter:

I might support you, but I have not yet heard what you stand for. As an engineer who also lived in a complex (worked for Marine Eng'g Lab as a Branch Head) and as a nuclear specialist I feel an empathy with your campaign. We need more engineers and scientists as President. After "engineering" the state of the world, here are my ~~positions~~, which I hope are yours also:

1. Break-up of the inordinate influence of the military and Covert agencies on policy in Washington. I am convinced that they run the country - people + congress be damned. we are close to Nazi Germany today. ^{SEE IN GOV}
2. Break-up the power of the Zionist lobby in Washington. Both #1 + 2 went wrong in the middle East with the U.S.A. in the middle of it.
3. Break-up of the traditional (since the 1890's) coalition of Big Business, the military, Government, & Labor. We citizens groups who protect Nuclear Power Plants, ~~are treated~~ and support ecology, and natural forms of energy, and energy conservation, and land-use planning, and political-prisoner release, are treated like dirt. ~~To~~ Down with Lockheed!

Today there are 4 professional lobbyists in Albany working for the utilities, supporting nuclear power plants — when we ask for an appointment we're pushed aside by the boys who offer gifts, gifts, and money. Is this our democratic tradition on the rocks?

4. The Catholic Church's Campaign against abortion is an affront to the democratic system — That issue was opened and closed on the side of freedom and the right of personal decision. We will not tolerate the imposition of Catholic laws and dogma on our free legal system.

5. We need federally-sponsored crash programs like ~~the~~ NASA and long range range (5, 10, 25 yrs) Federal + State Planning in medicine, the Economy, energy, land-use, resource-utilization, ~~and~~ conservation and recycling, manpower use and job creation, support for the arts, and other aspects of American culture — such as the quality of TV Programming.

6. Finally, we need to be on the side of the 3rd world and provide a tough policy of food in exchange for birth control. Malthus is right you know! We must support the U.N. and not fascist nations like Chile. Good Luck, I'll be listening
Neil A Sinclair

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James

Miller Clinic

June 25, 1976



602 GALLATIN ROAD
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37206
(615) 228-5581

Governor Jimmy Carter:
Plains, Georgia

Dear Governor Carter:

Congratulations on your successes in the Presidential Primaries. It looks to me like you are headed for the White House. However, I find that I have trouble voting for you without a clearer understanding of your attitudes and plans for the future of the health care delivery in this country.

Many of we practicing doctors deplore the rapidly rising costs of medical care. We find ourselves caught in a system where the rising inflation shoots our labor costs up, and the many industries who supply our drugs, equipment and disposable supplies are raising their prices at a very rapid rate without any seemingly good reason but to make higher profits for their investors.

One often unnoticed medical item that accounts for much of the rapid increase in costs are the new disposable supplies, items we used to clean and use over and over again are now made cheaply of plastics and often are of poor quality, and yet their prices are shooting up alarmingly. Medical suppliers and industries have the doctors and the patients by the throat. What will your administration do about this as yet unresolved problem with medical related industries?

Having practiced surgery in Korea for 23 years as a medical missionary for the Presbyterian Church, and for two years in the U.S. Army in Korea, and for one year in the Veterans Administration Hospital, and now six years in private group practice in Nashville, I have had an opportunity to compare the various types of medical delivery and the quality of the various types of care.

In my opinion, the best medicine is still practiced by the private practitioner, be he solo or group, where he is responsible directly to the patient. The poorest medicine generally is in the VA system where the pace is very leasurely, and there is little or no incentive to practice good medicine, and the costs are fantastic because of the long delays between time of admission and time of surgery and time of discharge.

It seems to me that beaurocratically controlled medicine is the worst type of all for the patient, and the most expensive for the tax payer. I trust that you will not be led down the primrose path by those in Congress who would have more government control and more beaurocracy in medicine.

One area of medicine that is very weak in this

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country is the area of preventive medicine and public medical education. The American public seems to depend completely on the doctors bailing them out of medical problems with hardly a thought as to good public health practice and preventive maintenance. Many rush into emergency rooms daily with minor complaints which should and could be taken care of at home with minimal education. This is an area where we could learn something from the Chinese medical system.

Mostly we need a new fresh climate in government and all areas of endeavor in this country, and less of the adversary stance between the doctors and the patients and their malpractice lawyers. This defensive medicine adds a tremendous costs to medical care with unnecessary X-ray and tests to protect the doctor if he is hauled into court, where his judgments is scoffed at, and great weight is given to many very equivocal laboratory tests and procedures to prove the patient's case.

Finally, there needs to be a change in the public awareness that death in fact comes to everyone. Expenditures of vast sums of public money to prolong the lives of the senile and the terminal cases at the demand of relatives is an expense the public coffers can ill afford.

I wish you every success and hope that you will come out with a clear cut rational proposal for improving the health delivery system in this country that will really make it better, and not just more expensive and frustrating for everyone.

America still has the most efficient and comprehensive health system of any in the world, although it is in areas a bit too on the luxurious side for the government to have to pay for many things that are not necessary, and not even helpful. I hope that you will choose your health advisors carefully, and avoid the pitfalls that plague medical practice in England and many dictatorships and socialist societies around the world. I have seen them, and know they do not have the answers that Americans would accept, even if they were desirable.

Yours truly,



Paul S. Crane, M.D.

July 14, 76

Governor Carter:

We are watching the best Dem. Convention of our lifetime which we feel reflects your honest, Christ-centered approach to life. We like you. We were Carter delegates to Harris County's Dem. Convention. We respect your firm, moderate to conservative feelings. Your love of country and family is just what our great nation, founded under God, needs. We are born again Presbyterians. I sat a Billy Graham Crusade, my husband at a Bill Gothard study course. We come from Nebraska and Iowa farm people. My husband's Grandfather, E. J. Burkett, was a U.S. Republican Congressman and Senator. I schooled at Ward-Belmont and Sullins and praise my southern life as well as my midwestern heritage. My husband owns a one man (plus me) real estate office. That is who is writing to you. We are for abortion, the right to work, a strong defense, a Christian approach to all people and non registration of guns (except Sat. night specials). Will you please tell us how you stand on gun laws? It is important to us. Be specific.

Stay close to Christ. Praise and love Him and hear His guidance. God bless you and yours.

Marvin and Elizaleth Meyers

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Houston, Tex. 77027

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Mrs. Paul Russell Gray
511 Yesteroaks Circle
Gulf Breeze, Florida 32561
June 23, 1976

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The Honorable Jimmy Carter
Plains, Georgia

Dear Mr. Carter:

My husband and I have been watching your campaign for the Democratic nomination with much interest. We are very much interested in the campaigns of the presidential candidates, and I do believe you will be one, because we are so interested in the welfare of the United States.

My family, including my eighty one year old mother, has prayed for years for a president who is a dedicated Christian. Many people believe you are that one. In the past several months I have read several articles on your religious beliefs, and whether they would be a detriment to your nomination. I do not believe they will.

I wanted you to know how pleased we would be to vote for you because you are a deeply religious man and would, no doubt, seek God's leadership in your decisions if elected. However, I will not be able to do so because of statements you have made concerning socialized medicine and labor unions.

Seeing what socialized medicine has done for England and hearing rumors of Sweden's financial problems due to socialized medicine and other socialized programs, I cannot understand why our leaders in the United States are leading us down the same path.

If socialized medicine really helped the poor people of these countries, I might be able to understand this thinking. My husband, who is a dentist, had first hand experience with socialized medicine when he went with the Youth - Medical - Dental Mission group from our church, Pensacola First Baptist, to the Dominican Republic several years ago. Great numbers of poor people in that country go to these clinics where they have to pay a fee because they get more efficient treatment than at the government sponsored offices. Do you suppose some day a mission group from another country will have to come to give us help with our medical treatment?

As for the labor unions, I cannot vote for a presidential candidate who made the statement on television

that labor would have a friend in the White House if he were elected, after hearing and reading two items in particular. I could not believe, but found evidence to support the information, that the unions are trying to unionize the National Guard, Army etc. Where would our great country be in time of war if the unions called a strike?!!

I have also read of European manufacturing companies moving to the United States because of the situation that has developed there, for instance, with absenteeism due to the programs advanced by labor unions. Why promote this same situation in our country?

As much as I would like to vote for you, a dedicated Christian, for the President of the United States, I will not be able to do so if this is truly what you advocate. I am a registered Democrat but will have to cross parties to vote for a Republican under these circumstances. However, I will continue to listen to your speeches on television hoping to find you are the candidate we have been looking for to set our country on the right road.

Best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Lucy M. Gray
(Mrs.) Paul R. Gray

Rt.15, Boss Drive
Knoxville, Tenn. 37921
June 15, 1976

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Mr. Jimmy Carter
Albany, Georgia

Dear Mr. Carter:

Greetings. I am a forty year old father of four and an educator with a Master's Degree.

I have been thrilled to know of your strong moral principles and your willingness to proclaim your faith. I had felt you could do a reasonable job as president in helping to protect the home and family in this nation against the continued attacks upon it.

However, I was greatly saddened Sunday when I heard that you had boldly come out in favor of the E.R.A. It is the most anti-family piece of legislation to ever be concocted in the chambers of Washington.

Sir, here are some of my reasons for strongly opposing E.R.A.:

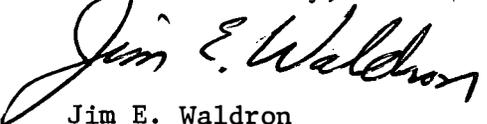
1. It will destroy the family because it will destroy the family name. Children will not respect the father's name, but will wear either the name of the mother or father. The family will die.
2. Women will have to register for the draft and be subject to combat (Yale Law Journal, page 973).
3. It "would require no segregation of the sexes in prisons, reform schools, college dormitories, and hospital rooms" (Paul Freund, Harvard Law School). Would you want your daughter to live in a non-segregated barracks?
4. It will abolish all laws that protect women because they are women, such as seduction laws, statutory rape, and laws on prostitution (Yale Law Journal, pages 954, 964).
5. Women would lose their right to support and alimony they now have under the law (Yale Law Journal, pages 944, 945.)
6. It would undermine the State's right to make laws about marriage, family property rights, child custody, etc.

Please answer this one question for me. If the Federal Constitution has this E.R.A. in it, how will the States ever be able to prevent homosexual marriages? Ministers of the gospel might be refused a license to marry people if they were to refuse to marry men to men and women to women.

Sir, I pray you will see the evil in the E.R.A. and will be bold enough to speak out against it.

I personally cannot support any candidate who endorses such anti-family legislation.

Yours faithfully,


Jim E. Waldron

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cc: Mr. Ronald Reagan
Democratic Platform Committee



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June 28, 1976

Mr. Jimmy Carter
P.O. Box 5
Plains, Georgia 31780

Dear Mr. Carter:

Thank you for your note of June 22 and for the position paper which you enclosed.

A very careful reading of the position paper leads me to conclude that you are proposing a tremendous increase in the amount of health care to be made available to the American public. There certainly are needs, but I am also concerned by what this will do to health care costs. How can one provide more care at less cost? I do not believe it is possible.

Another thing that concerns me is a report that you have stated that you would not appoint health care providers to a national public health council to advise you on health care matters. I hope this is in error, but it is something that has been reported. Could you please clarify this for me?

Sincerely,

Marlowe H. Schaffner, M.D.
President

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Governor Jimmy Carter
Plains, Georgia

Dear Gov. Carter:

Of the enclosed clipping from the 7/5/76 Washington
Whisper column (U.S. News & World Report) is true, I see
that as reason enough for voting for you. I know nothing
of P. R. Smith, but no one could be worse than Earl
Butz. You have chosen a truly admirable "first act"
for your administration. Please confirm this before election.

In addition, as a former New York City resident,
now living in the quiet hills of Northern California,
may I make one major request for your consideration?
Of it comes down to a choice of giving Federal dollars
(my dollars) to N.Y.C. or letting it default, just let it
default. That city has been w. thrown in the side of
the country for the last half century and a definite
drain on the taxpayers of poorer New York State, who
would rather spend their money on their own land than
support a city of corruption and welfare.

Sincerely,

Capt. Jane

Star Route 1, Box 7

Ukiah, California 95482

Jimmy Carter, who promises to fire
Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz as his
first act in office, has a replacement
already picked out—P. R. Smith, a
fellow Georgian and cotton farmer.

Booneville Church of Christ

BILL HUGGINS, Minister

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June 21, 1976

Mr. Jimmy Carter
% Carter For President Headquarters
Plains, Georgia 31780

Dear Mr. Carter:

As a concerned citizen of the greatest Nation in the world, and as one who finds an interest in your Presidential Campaign, I feel compelled to seek first hand your views regarding the so-called "Equal Rights Amendment." It is not equal pay, nor equal opportunities for women in some areas, that has me concerned, but the results and far-reaching consequences and the various ramifications of the twenty-seventh Amendment. The Amendment has been ratified by many States of our Nation. A few more could make it law.

I hereby request that you read the enclosed article. After having read the article I, and many others, would like to know: (1) Do you endorse the total Equal Rights Amendment? (2) Do you endorse rest rooms losing sex distinctions? (3) Would you say the article in the Houston Chronicle including the UPI news release is unfounded? (4) Do you feel there is evidence that Professor Phil Kurland, editor of Supreme Court Review misrepresented the facts? (5) Do you not feel these are matters of great importance to the future well-being of our Nation?

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As one who believes in the truth of the Biblical statements, "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people," and "The wicked shall be turned into Hell, and all nations that forget God," do you believe that any Amendment which would allow what is charged in the enclosed article should be defeated? Would you please state what you would do about such as described in the enclosed article if elected our next President?

Your response, Sir, will be most gratefully appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Huggins".

Bill Huggins
BH/dch

boast, whether wealth, power, intelligence or whatever. Everything that anyone has or is, that is good, comes from God. (See 1 Chronicles 29:10-14.) And, he can momentarily reduce it to nothing. The Holy Spirit denounces pride, arrogance, glorying in men, and anything that causes one to go contrary to the spirit of Christ.

Obviously, there were those who were afraid of public opinion, or of false teachers, and were afraid to practice the whole truth lest they suffer persecution. (Cf. John 12:42-43.) Judaizers were seeking to impose circumcision upon the Gentile Christians, and therein made their boast. In so doing they were severed from Christ. (Gal. 5:3-4.) One of the grave problems of the Lord's people today is seeking human popularity, honor and prestige. Another problem is fear of opposition from the worldly. Still another is the exaltation of secular learning above divine wisdom expressed in the Bible. (1 Cor. 1:18-30.)

In order to please God, everyone should join the peerless apostle in saying: "God forbid that I should glory [rejoice], save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." To the world the cross is shameful. To the Christian it stands for the love and mercy of God. (John 3:14-16; Rom. 5:8-9.) It stands for redemption through the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without spot and blemish. (1 Pet. 1:18-19.) It should be the main business of everyone to walk in the footsteps of the Savior and to imbibe his spirit. (Phil. 2:5-9.) In nothing should

one seek to please self (Rom. 15:3b), but in all things obey, honor and glorify our Father who is in heaven.

**"It Will Never Happen,"
Said the ERA Supporters**

Thomas F. Eaves

The *Houston Chronicle*, February 6, 1976, included an UPI news release from Bass Lake, California, entitled, "Rest Rooms Lose Sex Distinction." The article is as follows: "The forest service is dropping the 'men' and 'women' signs over rest rooms at the Bass Lake recreational area in favor of unisex facilities. Officials said each of the twenty-eight new rest room buildings under construction will contain cubicles with doors on them and they will be for both men and women."

When attention was first focused on the Equal Rights Amendment it was pointed out that ERA would indeed eliminate separate schools and rest room facilities. Professor Phil Kurland, Editor of *Supreme Court Review*, said, "Just as racially segregated schools and restrooms were outlawed as a discrimination based on race, so sexually separated public schools and rest rooms will have to end." The cry went up, it is just a scare tactic, it will never happen—but it did!

William A. Rusher in the *Knoxville News-Sentinel*, March 10, 1976, quotes the House Judiciary Committee's official report on the original bill (No. 92-359) as stating, "Not only would women, including mothers, be subject to the draft, but the military would be compelled to place them in combat units alongside of men."

The cry goes up, that is a scare tactic, it will never happen. Now, where have we heard that before? If it never happens like the unisex rest rooms never happened, we can expect it if the ERA becomes the Twenty-seventh Amendment of the Constitution of the U. S., and the draft reinstated.

Don't be lulled into inactivity by "It will never happen"—make sure it doesn't by standing against that which would deprive woman of her freedom and privacy.

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Dear Mr. Carter:

I am very much concerned about the future of our country, and our children.

As the apparent candidate of the Democratic Party for President I have a few questions, which will influence my decisions in future elections.

Are you going to work for the so-called "sunset laws" on Government Agencies, should all agencies have to prove themselves at, or before, the end of every five years? Do you think you can find, and disband a number of committees and agencies that are in the budget but are doing no constructive work?

Do you think too much money is being spent on administration and not enough on the lower teachers, etc. Shouldn't the priority be at the lower levels instead of at the top. Which is more important, a good teacher, or the superintendent which one helps our students more?

Is our military budget too high? Is it the people of other countries who want to war with us or is it the high officials of the countries? I am not angry with any individual of any country and I feel that no individual of Russia or anywhere else is angry with me. Why gunn which people do not want to use?

So why argue with the heads of state, lets talk with people instead of titular heads of state.

Our military budget could be cut by one-half.

Payments of costs overrun on planes and guns should be stopped - a contract at a price for a plane should be the delivered price, with no added costs put on.

Are you in favor of these overrun costs?

Do you favor giving money to a private owned corporation to keep them from bankruptcy? How about Lockheed? Penn Central?

If United Parcel can make a profit at the charges they have now, why can't the U.S. Postal Service pay its way at a charge nearly one third higher? And they expect to raise postage again in the near future.

Are you in favor of an increase in U.S. Postal charges?

Are you in favor of selling supplies to another nation when they in turn re-sell these supplies to some one else at a profit? Why can't we sell direct to the final buyer and realize the profit for the United States?

Why can't the United States demand market price in U.S. dollars from Russia for purchases here, and not some vague credit system that is subsidized by the United States taxpayer?

I have not seen your direct answer to these questions in any newspaper.

Sincerely

Clyde J. Falls

Route 3 Box 208

Charlottesville Virginia 22924

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 (4) Panama Canal
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W. T. MURMAN
 17600 N.W. 68th Ave.
 Miami, Florida 33015
 June 10, 1976

Dear Mr. Carter:

I am pleased that you will apparently win the Presidential nomination for the Democratic Party. My wife, who is a native of Georgia, has been a strong supporter of your candidacy throughout the primaries.

Being a Republican, I would have some reservations about voting for you. My personal preference would be for Mr. Reagan, however, I think it unlikely that he will receive the nomination.

I'm not really familiar with your views on the issues which covered Mr. (Ther)folk. I would appreciate knowing your position on:

- ① the possibility of reducing the size of government and its control over the private sector of the economy?
- ② the replacement of Henry Kissinger?
- ③ maintaining control of the Panama Canal Zone?

According to press reports you haven't taken any position. However, I think it more likely that they've failed to report the positions you've taken.

I am inclined to believe that as a

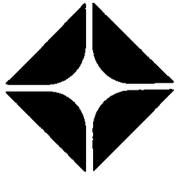
small businessman who has not spent half his life in Washington you might take a more rational approach to solving both our domestic and foreign problems. You come across in the news media as a reasonably sincere person. However, an article in the Wall Street Journal today, mentioning a number of very liberal politicians as vice-presidential candidates (Mondale, Chukel, Muskie, Stevenson and Exon), makes me doubt the sincerity of your anti-Washington campaign.

Yours truly,
Wm. F. McGuire

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Neil D. [unclear]*

July 22, 1976

Jimmy Carter
Plains, Georgia

Dear Mr. Carter:

I have been an employee of the Atlantic Richfield Co. for 23 years and of course am quite concerned about the strong push to divest the oil companies. I have been interested in your campaign but I cannot detect your feelings one way or the other in this matter. I certainly would appreciate your responding to me regarding your position.

Sincerely,

Jack Nicar

Jack G. Nicar

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Ans 8/14/76
New York

March 17, 1976

Jimmy Carter Presidential Campaign
P.O. Box 1976
Atlanta, Georgia 30301

Dear Mr. Carter,

I am a senior at Cleveland Hill High School and will be voting for the first time this November. Therefore, I am very much interested in your views on the following questions, in order to help me make my decision.

- 1-How do you feel about the present situation of forced busing to achieve racial balance in public schools?
- 2-Concerning the rise in unemployment, what would you do to put Americans to work?
- 3-Many Americans are concerned with their retirement, and/or are not getting enough support to take care of themselves. If elected how would you deal with problem?
- 4-The current inflation rate continues to escalate daily. Many Americans cannot even afford to eat anymore. What will you do to combat inflation?
- 5-Along with inflation we have to contend with energy shortages. How would you as President handle this?

Thank you so much for your time. If you would be interested in speaking at our school, sometime in the near future, we would be most interested. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Darlene M. Garwol
15 Nugget Drive
Cheektowaga, N.Y. 14225

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Governor James Carter
Democratic National Headquarters
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have been awaiting a public explanation of the term, "ethnic purity", from your campaign headquarters, but since it has not appeared in the news media to my reading I would like some clarification.

I am a White, Anglo-Saxon, Protestant living in a predominantly white neighborhood in a predominantly white city. But unfortunately there is a mixture of English, French, and German lineage in my background just two generations back, and the Lord only knows what combinations before that. Does this pass your standard of "ethnic purity"?

This kind of terminology coming from a candidate for the Presidency is more than a little frightening.

Sincerely yours,

Giles E. Stagner
Giles E. Stagner, Pastor

Cris Zelenock
2569 Marsh Rd.
Algonac, Mi. 48001

Dear Mr. Carter,

I am a student of Algonac High School and am writing you to find out your point of view on certain subjects. My first question is are you in favor of a stronger defense system? if not please tell me why we don't need such a strong defense.

I would also like to know if you are in favor of bussing, and if there is a better way of doing it without so much trouble. If you are against bussing tell me how you would equalize the education in the poorer schools to that of the richer ones.

I would really like to know if you are in favor of capital punishment and what kinds, also should the states have the right to turn it down or should it be a law for the whole nation. If you are against it, how would you propose to take care of the people that are guilty of murder.

My final question is would you like to see more money spent on space exploration our last frontier or would you rather cut the program and leave it a mystery to all of us.

Sincerely,

Cris Zelenock

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~~Dear~~

Ans
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Michael J. McCarthy, Lawyer
1544 8th Street Boulder, Colorado 80302
303-442-8648

~~Chris~~
Chris,

Please send
set of issue
papers.

Chris-
Pls. send Bill
rebuttal too.

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Jimmy Carter
Plains, Georgia

Dear Mr. Carter,

I don't care if you really did open this letter yourself but a few statements in the recent Harper's article by Steven Brill did cause me concern. I have been edging off my chair recently in the direction of helping push your hat to the center of the presidential candidate ring. The Harper's article caused me to slide back and take another look at the choice of head gear.

Specifically, I would like an answer from you or a person on your staff who can speak for you, as to the following:

1. What is your position on abortion? What steps would you take, as President, to implement that position?

2. What is your position on the death penalty? What steps would you take, as President, to implement that position?

3. What is your position on the decriminalization of drugs such as marijuana, LSD, mescaline and heroin? What steps would you take, as president, to implement that position?

4. Would you outline any complaints you have regarding the constitutional decisions of the Warren Court such as Mapp, Escobedo and Miranda.

5. If elected as President, what plans do you have for the Social Security System?

6. Did you really arrange for the employment of Welfare mothers in day care centers in Georgia and, if so, do you have any plans for implementing a national program of this nature?

7. Which governmental agencies do you plan on excising? How many government employees will this involve?

Jimmy Carter

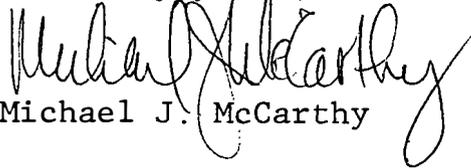
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8. What other plans do you have for cutting government spending?

9. Who do you prefer as a Vice-Presidential candidate?

Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions. If you have any comments on your 1970 campaign tactics as reported by the Harper's article I would be interested in that also.

Sincerely yours,


Michael J. McCarthy

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June 22, 1976

Mr. Carter:
According to Time, June 21st you "oppose aid to
parochial schools and school prayer - two stances
with which the majority of Jews (6 million) concur."
You have just lost one Catholic (48 million) vote
and as many of my co-religionists as I can influence.

(Rev) John J. Henry C.M.

Mrs. James G. Frede
7861 Zion Hill Road
CLEVES, Ohio 45002

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Dear Mr. Carter,

I have just watched your nomination on T.V. You seem to be a popular candidate - one of the few to mention God. One request - please change the platform on abortion. How can you feel that it is morally wrong & then support the Supreme Court Decision? Americans are becoming so self-centered - when will they be made responsible for their own acts. A woman certainly has a right to choose - before conception. Please stand up to those who want to take the easy way out. Abortion is demoralizing America.

Sincerely,
Janne G. Frede

Dear Mr. Carter -

I know many people including myself are listening to the presidential candidates -

I'd like to know what you will do good for America. It seems to me a wats project for the young people similar to the C.P.C. Camps of pre WWII. The young people then planted trees - among other things - The young people of today - have nothing to show for their offspring - so why don't you tell us more of what is your program - so we can vote for you -

Sincerely

Mrs. Sophia Godala

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2 Apr. 76

Dear Mr. Carter

It has been difficult for me to follow all of the presidential candidates completely. I read in a magazine that you are for a cut in military spending. I would like to know ~~for~~^{how} you can justify this. I can see a cut in the luxuries for Congressmen but the military - honestly now.

I would like to know the details of your proposed cuts.

Thank you for your time.

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Jane Kussone
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compiled during
1968 campaign.
She is interested
in Jimmy Carter
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Mrs. Therese Knoske
Midfield Rd
Baltimore, Md

is president of
National Assoc. of
Way Care Care
is interested
in Sen. Carter
& stand of families
& children.
This report was

Agnes V. Dunbar
Millside Manor Apts., 69H
Delran, NJ 08075

July 17/76

Dear Jimmy Carter:

Your answer has no bearing
on my vote. It's you all the way.
But since I realize someone —
someone should answer Soc. Sec.
or whomever, that they are robbing
the working Sr City, I felt instead
of starting at the bottom, I'm
trying right at the top.

I must work. I get 135⁰⁰
Soc Sec. one of the "poor" dopes that
worked for 14⁰⁰ wk 7 days wk etc.
I assume you've heard it all.

I make 57⁰⁰ week net.
Would you believe I save 50⁰⁰ of
that each wk, I have to. I
have no social life. I can't
afford it. Still that is not

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2 My problem.

I feel that it is very unfair that I should pay into Soc Sec. now just to pay back me.

Thirty-seven (1937) is when I first donated until 1973 (my first Soc Sec. check) yet I'm still paying 4⁰⁰ a week into Soc Sec. at 65. That's bad enough. But here's the real rip off; (I learned that word from my grand-mother, I don't usually talk like that) After I have earned 2750⁰⁰ I must return 1⁰⁰ for every two I make. Ask any American Citizen would they be willing to help our government in this manner. Who can live on 275⁰⁰ a yr. salary. So I took a part time job (lucky me) and by Sept end I will have earned my quota. I must, oh yes I must lay off rest of yr. Jeopardize

3. My job — I'm sure they're not
going to hold me in abeyance, then
try to seek another job. at 65?
uh uh. yes, I must stop at
2750⁰⁰ then I will seek welfare.
Ovide has left me completely. I
will get back my money that
government insisted on keeping
from a sickly pay in the form
of soc. sec.

Welfare people, I now admit,
deserve welfare payments if
they are smarter than the
government.

I should work for 1⁰⁰
an hr? While they sit on their
making whoopee.

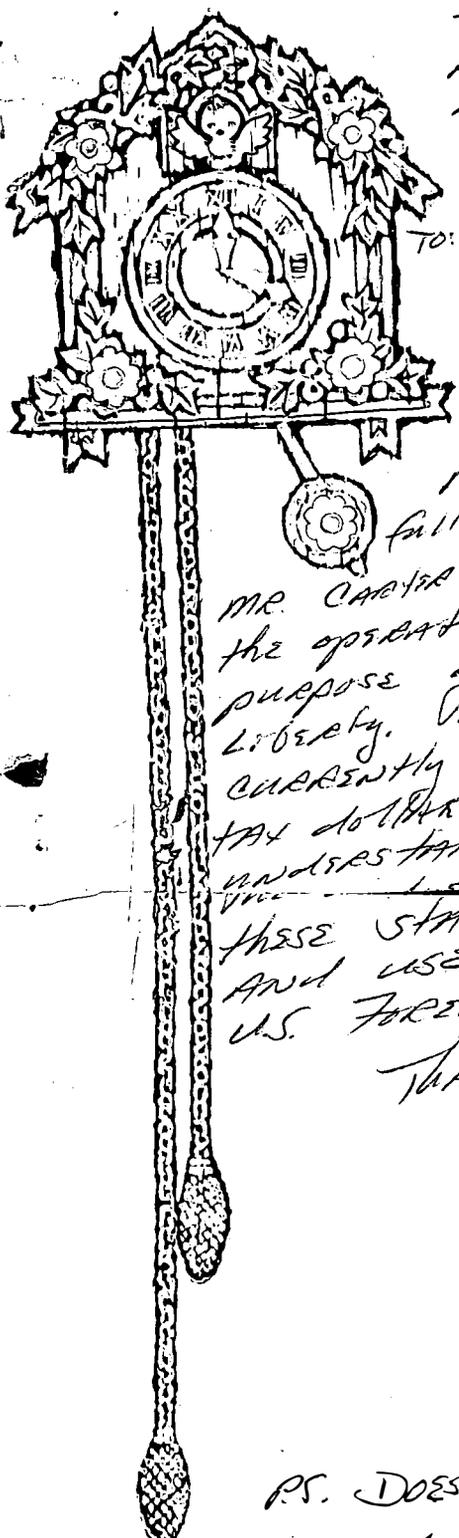
I'm very upset, very bitter
and very depressed. What's next?
The poorhouse, welfare or death.
I can't afford funeral expenses
either, so I guess it's welfare.
Sorry. Please help get

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this miserable government
back into proportion.

Sincerely,

Agnes V. Denton



Thomas M. Cunningham Jr
Apt 13 Crosman Hall
Boulder, Co. 80310

Ans 8/14 Ned VJ

TO: JAMES CARTER for President
P.O. Box 1976
Atlanta, GA. 30301

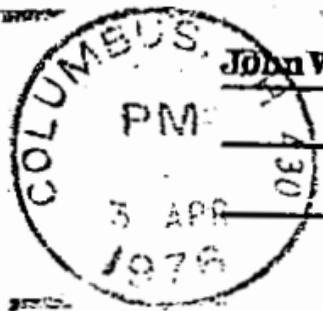
PLEASE provide me with the
full detailed position of
Mr. Carter's position concerning
the operation, funding and future
purpose of Radio Free Europe/Radio
Liberty. Are these radios are
currently fully supported by U.S.
tax dollars. It is important to
understand his position as to
the and future worth of
these stations, and their
and usefulness in support of
U.S. Foreign policies.

Thank you.

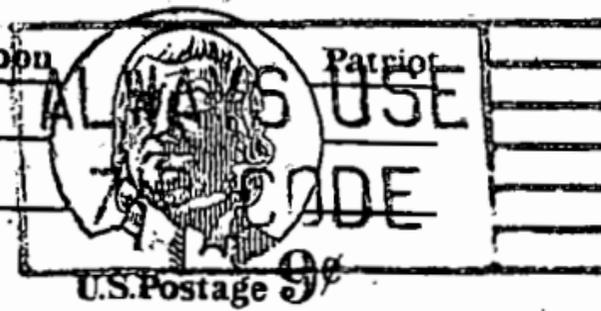
Sincerely
Thomas M. Cunningham Jr

P.S. Does he support the continued
operations of these stations?
if yes - why?
if no - why?

R. West
Box 855
Gambier
Va. 43022



John Witherspoon



Jimmy Carter
PO Box 1976
Atlanta, Ga.
50301

Dear Sirs:

814 Nail Anns Road

I'm a penn. resident voter (demo.) I'd
like to see Mr Carter's position papers on
~~Defense spending~~ capital punishment,
~~education~~, welfare and Tax reform,

Please. I would appreciate them be-
fore the late April primary

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Thank you

Rich West

Box 805 - Gumbler On 43022



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Dear Mr. Carter:

Ans 8/14 / Neil S.

Please tell me how you stand on these important issues:

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2. Your commitment or the extent of your commitment to national defense and whether you favor high defense budgets. Also, do you sometimes favor Angola-like excursions to prevent takeover by Communist forces?

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P. O. Box 1976

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Dear Sirs: Please send me Carter position papers
on energy, economy, environment, and foreign
policy. Thank you.

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Neil

David K. McGuire
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Dr. & Mrs. David K. McGuire
94 Christopher Street
Montclair, N.J. 07042

Ans. 8/14/76
Neil Shothouse

May 9, 1976

W.D.

Jimmy Carter for President,

Hello, my name is Bill Gurney and I would like to request that you send me Mr. Carter's specific stands on these issues - 1. Tax Reform and specifically Jimmy's stand on capital gains, 2. His National Health Insurance speech given in Penn., 3. The foreign policy speech he made in Chicago, 4. His recent economic paper on jobs, 5. Conservation 6. Corporatism and how to ~~reduce~~ stimulate investment.

I am an avid Carter supporter and worked for Jimmy in Wis. and Penn. I'm now back at school in Wis. and my friends are pressing me on some issues where I do not

feel I know enough, hence I'm
requesting the above material.

Please send the material to
Bill Gurney
Beloit College Box 1518
Beloit, Wis. 53511

Thank you very much and let's
hope for the best in Nebraska!

Sincerely,
Bill Gurney



Jimmy Carter for.
P.O. Box 1976
Atlanta, Georgia 30301

Bill Durney
Box 1518 Beloit College
Beloit, Wis. 53511

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Ans 8/14/76
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May 10, 1976

Jimmy Carter for President
P.O. Box 1976
Atlanta, Georgia, 30301

Dear Mr. Jordan:

I am writing to find out more about some of Mr. Carter's policies which are not clear to me.

I am curious to know Mr. Carter's views toward U.S.-Soviet Detente. Also, what is his foreign policy in general?

What are his plans for the social security and welfare programs? What changes would he make in these and other, similare programs?

How does he plan to reduce the defense budget of the United States without reducing our national security?

Lastly, I want to say that I am supporting Carter all the way, and would like to wish him the best of luck at the nominating convention and in his campaign.

Sincerely

E. W. Hubert
Edward W. Hubert

8/19/76
Paul S.

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April 18, 1976

James Carter
Carter for President Committee
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Carter:

As an aid to helping me decide what candidate to support in the forthcoming primary and national presidential elections, I would like to know where you stand on the following issues.

- 1) The development of nuclear energy for widespread use in the next decade. Do you think the government is currently spending about the right proportion of money on nuclear and solar energy research and development? Is this issue of relatively low or high importance to you?
- 2) Gun control. Could you comment on 1) registration of firearms and 2) the abolition of hand guns? Again, how much attention do you^a think this issue should receive?
- 3) Since the passage of the Organized Crime Control Act of 1970, there has been a widespread practice by justice department attorneys of calling witnesses, who have frequently not themselves been accused of any crime, before grand juries and forcing their testimony by the device of granting them use immunity. Do you believe that use immunity is a proper substitute for fifth-amendment rights? Do you believe that the congress should have the right to make substitutions for rights granted in the Bill of Rights by the founding fathers? As president, would you urge repeal of this portion of the Organized Crime Control Act? Would you encourage the justice department to discontinue this practice? Do you think that this is an issue of much importance?

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Eve Herold

Eve Herold
131 Chase Rd.
Columbus, Ohio 43214

James Earl Carter, Junior
For President
Committee

Ans
8/14/76
Neil Shusterman

Jack
Pence

9 June 1976

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John O. Chamberlain
1414 Herald Ave #1
San Jose, CA 95116

Dear Sir,

I like Governor Brown very much. He should stay in California until the farmworkers unionization is settled, though.

Your approach to politics does remind me of Governor Earl Warren's. He is the one they coined the phrase "middle-of-the-road" for.

I admire your campaign plan to seek delegates in each of the 48 states and wish you had spent more time in California in spite of the polls.

I consider myself a liberal Democrat but agree with Governor Reagan about the Panama Canal.

I fear a world-wide political ~~crisis~~ ^{armed} and ~~armed~~ confrontations about Chile 1976 was supposed to be their election year under the Chilean constitution which postponed ^{decisions} ~~it~~ from 1973.

I was greatly pleased by your position on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

How do you stand on the likely Italian government Communist-Non-Communist coalition?

How that's an interesting question. I would not use the office of the Presidency.

How do you hope to see a Humphrey-Hawkins Bill read?

What are your opinions about unionization of Farm Workers in other states than California?

How will you try to mend the rift in the younger generation between the pro-Vietnam and anti-Vietnam segments?

How do you feel about the governmental attitude that seeks to limit gasoline usage, for example, by increasing prices, and so forth?

Do you conceive of a government program as important to a strong economy as Aerospace was?

Please put me on your mailing list.

Sincerely

Jack Chamberlain

Memo

From
PIQUEE

To Jimmy Carter

8/14/76
New York
20 June 1976

Please take note of what is going on in the Senate now, and the House toward weakening the Water Pollution Control Act of 1972. Even with this act, we are not always staying even on maintaining the quality of water in our streams, lakes, wetlands and harbors. We mustnot let it deteriorate if your Amy and my Debbie are to have swimmable waters, and drinkable water, not to mention pleasant recreational outlooks.

What will your stand be on the question of whether Federal projects should have to abide by the 1972 law?

I look forward to hearing from you,

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Kocher

Mrs. ERIC KOCHER
KOCHER ASSOCIATES
102 Shore Road
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MRS. ERIC KOCHER
102 SHORE ROAD
DOUGLASTON, N. Y. 11363

20 June 1976

The Honorable James Buckley
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Buckley:

In your capacity as member of the Public Works Committee, you are well aware of the weakening amendments being proposed for the 1972 Water Pollution Control Act. We urge you to counter them, and let the Act continue toward its goal of maintaining and improving the quality of all waters in the U.S.

In particular, at this time, we urge you to work against removing the Section 404 Permit protection, that would exclude Federal Projects from the requirements of the act. The results of Federal dredging and filling are just as damaging to our streams and lakes as those of private developers or industries, and can jeopardize drinking water supplies as well as recreational use of bodies of water.

We need the full force of the 1972 Act to keep our waters, both fresh and coastal, from deterioration. We look forward to your strong actions and your response on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Kocher
Christy Kocher
Eric Kocher

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MADISON HEIGHTS, VA. 24572

CARROLL B. WELCH, PASTOR

PHONE 384-5908

July 1, 1976

The Honorable Jimmy Carter
Plains, Georgia

*Rec 8/14/76
Neil Phillips*

Dear Governor Carter:

It has been my desire for all of my voting years to be able to vote for a man of high moral character and a man who practiced his Christian faith. I believe we have such a man in Jimmy Carter, but I am having a difficult time in getting excited about the prospects of voting for Jimmy Carter, the Democratic hopeful. It is not because I have any doubts about his character, it is because of the political viewpoints that keep coming through on the liberal side.

I am aware of what is happening. You and the Democratic Party want to win in November and your purpose is to antagonize as few voters as possible. But in so doing I see coming through the political fog a candidate for continued big government which has been heaped upon the American people by Franklin Roosevelt, John Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, and Richard Nixon.

I know about your ideas of "zero base" and I'm sure this will help some with eliminating useless and outdated programs, but to initiate "zero base" and continue the outrageous and corrupt welfare systems in operation and promote guaranteed salaries seems to be nothing less than an anachronism.

My concern for big government spending is somewhat personal, though I believe if I am caught between a rock and a hard place I'm sure others are there with me. My social security and income taxes have more than quadrupled in the last six years. I have had to borrow money every year since I was forced into the social security system by the federal government just to pay taxes. Thus my family has had an additional burden placed upon them. We have had to pay interest to the bank for borrowed money plus interest to the federal government because we couldn't afford to make the quarterly payments when they were due.

I have written to everybody possible to get some relief, but the best we've seen has been a meager increase in the personal exemption on the income tax form.

My church has an item in the budget for social security but every time this figure is raised my income and social security tax goes up because this item has to be considered salary so far as the federal government is concerned. Therefore the amount in the church budget has never equaled the final amount of tax due for that year.

Now, my purpose in writing is to say I hope I can see something in your campaign statements and in the Democratic platform that would lead me to believe that you want to offer some relief to the average tax-payer as well as to begin all programs at "zero base." If I can see this, then you can count on this Southern Baptist's vote in November.

Sincerely,

Carroll B. Welch

Carroll B. Welch

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3225 Nottingham Rd.
Winston-Salem, N.C. 27104
June 30, 1976

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W.C.J.

Mr. Jimmy Carter
Plains, Ga.

Dear Mr. Carter:

I, as many American voters, am trying to decide who to vote for in November 1976. We all want a President who will serve our country best.

Will you please answer briefly the following questions? The news media too often gives an unclear picture of the politicians' stands on issues.

1-Are you for a guaranteed income as was set forth in the Democratic platform?

2-Are you for compulsory unionism thereby repealing the Right to Work Law?

3-Are you for Socialized Medicine or National Health Insurance as the proposed Kennedy bill?

4-Are you for the Humphery-Hawkins bill now pending adoption by Congress which will put all who want a job to work at taxpayers expense?

5-Are you for further centralization of government in Washington, more programs, more spending or do you think government takeover of almost everything has gone too far?

Thank you,

May C. Johnson

Mrs. May C. Johnson

~~Paul H. Zink~~
June
Paul H. Zink
1849 Longview Drive
Lancaster, PA 17601
June 17, 1976

8/14
Paul S.
Jimmy Carter
Plains, Georgia 31780

Dear Mr. Carter,

I am a student at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and am very interested in doing what I can in terms of volunteer work for your presidential campaign this fall. I am in very strong agreement with the great majority of your platforms, but cannot really justify to myself, your position on the pardon to draft evaders from the Viet Nam Conflict. Perhaps I have formed the wrong idea from the media, but I am under the impression that you and the Democratic Party support an unconditional Presidential pardon for those who left the country to avoid the draft. I thank God and the American people that I was not faced with the decision whether to serve in a war I felt was wrong.

I myself, claim to be a Christian, and feel forgiveness is a virtue to be practiced as well as preached. But respect for the law is just as important a Christian virtue, and these people have broken the law. I can accept a conditional pardon with alternate service as the condition, but considering those who died in battle, as well as the law, a full unconditional pardon is difficult for me to swallow.

In order that I may more effectively campaign for you this fall, I would appreciate an insight into your rationale for this position; or if have received a mistaken impression, please correct me. I look forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes,

Paul H. Zink

Paul H. Zink

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Thank you for booklet

Mail S.
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Ann

June 3

21 June 1976
16715 Collinson
East Detroit, Mi. 48021

Mr. James Carter
Plains, Ga. 31780

Dear Brother Carter:

I have been following the recent campaign with a great deal of interest. It has been a long time since we have had a Christian candidate who would stand up for what he believed in.

The June issue of Moody Monthly reprinted an article from U.S. News in which it says that this is the first in 16 years, referring to J.F.K.'s Catholicism. However, I think you really go back further. I can think of no candidate since William Jennings Bryan. The Word says that the Redeemed of the Lord should say so and you do.

I saw the ad for your biographical tract in the Moody Monthly.

One item that has been in the news concerning you has bothered me and for that I have enclosed the article from the Feb. issue of Moody Monthly. The Equal Rights "amendment" may be the most contraversial piece to come out of the Congress in the history of our beloved Republic. I feel that this article says my feeling as a Christian about what is wrong with E.R.A. better than I and commend it to you.

Please consider these things, dear brother, and then consider your own stand on E. R. A. I hope that you will come about on this subject.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bob Drummond
Bob Drummond

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Neil S.*

4435 First Street N.E. Apt. 306
St. Petersburg, Florida 33703
June 21, 1976

Jimmy Carter
Plains, Georgia

Dear Sir:

I am active in vocational education, local, state and national. The Florida State Vocational Association will meet August 8-13 in Orlando, Florida, and I would like to know your views on Vocational Education by that time. Mr. Jim Thomas, of the Pinellas County Democratic Headquarters suggested that I might get this information by contacting you at this address.

Thank you and good luck.

Sincerely,

Louise Stone

Louise Stone

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8/14
Nail*

355 Lamplight Drive
St. Paul, Minnesota 55119

March 15, 1976

Governor Jimmy Carter
Carter for President Committee
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Governor Carter:

Although I am of another party affiliation, your candidacy for Democratic President has been followed with interest.

You represent a new image and a fresh approach to government between Washington, the States, and local communities. You and Governor Brown would make a good team to challenge America.

I have given some thought as to how government may be reorganized as shown in attached graph to reduce costs, improve efficiency and make it more responsive to people without trying to control their lives.

You are considered by many to be fiscally conservative in business and government relations but liberal and progressive regarding social problems. It is my understanding that you favor nationalizing or splitting up the oil companies. If this is correct, I believe you have been misinformed and do not understand how financing of energy development programs and sources would be done.

I would appreciate hearing your ideas on the above. I read your new book, "Why Not the Best" with great interest.

Sincerely,

Francis B. Richerson
Francis B. Richerson

*John A. Ad
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- 5) Give people closer control of their government -- give government back to the people.
- 6) Avoid matching federal funds with state funds.
- 7) States could be grouped by geographical areas.
- 8) The Constitution should be changed to allow one six-year term for the President and Representatives and Senators elected a four-year terms of office. In this way our Representatives would not be spending the amount of time, as at present, in seeking re-election, but instead could provide more effective leadership with more freedom from the lobbyists and pressure groups.
- 9) Financial aid handled on a State or local level without the abuse of federal give away funds that in turn require matching funds by the State can be better administered and controlled at the State and local level. Such a program will help a man find his worth within himself and go to work on jobs that can be made available by coordinated efforts of industry and government. Funds will then be available, eventually, to help balance the budget and at the same time help the needy cases.

There is a basic need to reaffirm our faith in the basic principles in which our country was founded and has prospered. In order to help others we must have something to give. The free enterprise system in the U.S. has generated more wealth than any country in the world, allowing us to give more to more people than any system on the face of the earth. We must make people aware of this and teach them the basic principles of this system. By doing this and getting our house in order we will be able to help the impoverished and needy people of the world.

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7607 Winkler Road
Richmond, Virginia 23229
July 16, 1976

Mr. Jimmy Carter
For President
P. O. Box 1976
Atlanta, Georgia 30301

Dear Jimmy:

The old saying, "What You Don't Know Won't Hurt You"
But the sad thing is that we do know, having struggled all
through "Watergate" and all of the corruption in Washington,
to mention nothing of the crimes that even in the broad daylight
a person is afraid to go on the streets.

Are we ready for a change? You bet your boots we are and
I surely am hoping that you will get this Nation back into focus
and will remedy some of the terrible things that are happening.

My situation is that my husband suffered a stroke in the
hospital a year ago, July 2, 1975 after an operation. He is
72 years of age and of course, while in the hospital he was taken
care of by Medicare. After having physical therapy which did not
help him any at all since he suffered a massive stroke and the
Doctor said he had never seen anyone have such a terrific stroke
and be able to talk. However, it did paralyze half of his entire
body (left side) shoulder, arm, body, hand, leg and foot, and he
can not even sit up without being tied in the wheelchair. I would
not be able to care for my husband even if I did not work. Since
I am twelve years younger than my husband, it will only be a few
more years before I can retire. He can not turn himself over in
the bed and also has to have help in feeding.

This is what is so ridiculous that my husband worked all his
life and put money into Social Security thinking when he got old
and needed help he would be taken care of. Medicare will not pay
any for his care at a nursing home unless he has to be fed
intravenous and Medicaide comes under welfare and since I am working
they want to take all of my salary plus his social security and
allow me \$1900 a year to live on. In such a catastrophic case such
as my husband's I certainly do not think it should come under welfare
where people are receiving help who say they can not find jobs when
there are plenty of jobs and they will not work. Some are receiving
Medicaide (everything completely paid for) in the nursing homes and
some of these people are up and walking around who could be in a
Rest Home with less than one half the cost of a nursing home. And
my husband is a complete invalid and can not get one penny.

Please let me know if there is anything you can do to help me
and you can bet I will cast a vote for you in November as well as
others that know my situation and are concerned about changes
mentioned above.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Rosa S. Wolfe
Mrs. Rosa S. Wolfe
7607 Winkler Rd. Richmond, Va. 23229

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John and Barb Goergen
62 Merlham Drive
Madison, Wisconsin 53705
February 25, 1976

JIMMY CARTER
Jimmy Carter for
President Committee
P.O. Box 1976
Atlanta, Georgia 30301

Dear Mr. Carter:

We would like your response to the following questions:

Improvement of Government Performance

Will you propose, as part of a program for greater efficiency in the Executive Branch, a mechanism for mandatory periodic assessment of programs and agencies (e.g., "Sunset" provisions) and their continuation only after full review and justification?

Budget Priorities Questions

1. The Office of Management and Budget projects that, with no changes in spending laws and priorities, the simple continuation of existing federal programs in FY 1977 will cost \$414.5 billion distributed among the major functional categories set forth below. Given these categories and their important subprograms (described in the attached appendix), and given total FY 1977 outlays of \$414.5 billion, or less if you so choose, what would your spending goals be for each functional category? (Please indicate your spending priorities within the ceiling set above even if you believe higher total spending should occur. An opportunity to change the ceiling is afforded by the next question.)

<u>Function</u>	<u>Amount in Billions</u>	
	<u>Spending if no Existing Programs are Changed</u>	<u>Proposed Change</u>
Income Security	\$146.1	--
National Defense	103.1	--
Health	37.7	--
Education, Manpower and Social Services	18.4	--
Commerce and Transportation	18.1	--
Veterans Benefits & Services	18.0	--
Natural Resources, Environment and Energy	14.1	--
Revenue Sharing & General Purpose Fiscal Assistance	7.3	--
International Affairs	6.4	--
Community & Regional Development	6.2	--
General Science, Space and Technology	4.6	--
General Government	3.6	--
Law Enforcement & Justice	3.3	--
Agriculture	2.2	--

2. OMB's Current Services Estimates for FY 1977 projects a federal deficit of \$42 billion, with a spending level of \$414.5 billion. If you believe a bigger deficit for FY 1977 is acceptable, how large a deficit would you target and how would you distribute the implied additional spending among the functional categories listed above?
3. The Office of Management and Budget projects that by FY 1980, federal revenues will exceed expenditures by \$25 billion, assuming continuation of present taxing and spending policies, and by \$61 billion if the economy is operating at full capacity (i.e., 4% unemployment rate). How would you generally allocate this excess revenue among existing spending programs, new programs you endorse, tax relief, and/or federal debt reduction?
4. The Administration estimates that \$260.7 billion or 75%, as described below, of the FY 1976 budget is "uncontrollable." Expenditures are considered to be relatively uncontrollable in any one year when government decisions in that year can neither increase nor decrease them without changing existing substantive laws that, for example,

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require contract fulfillment or specify eligible beneficiaries and benefit formulas. In addition, federal government personnel costs amount to \$63.1 billion. Given such base or fixed costs, some budget experts argue that Executive Branch policymakers have little discretion in developing their budget priorities. Which, if any, of the so-called "uncontrollable" expenditures listed below do you consider alterable and what proposals would you make to modify them over the course of your Administration?

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount in Billions</u>	
	<u>Present Cost</u>	<u>Proposed Change</u>
Social Security & railroad retirement	\$76.6	--
Payments due under contracts for procurement or construction signed in prior years		
Defense	23.5	--
Nondefense	30.5	--
Interest on the debt	26.1	--
Medicare and Medicaid	24.1	--
Unemployment assistance	18.6	--
Public assistance and related programs including food stamps	15.6	--
Veterans' benefits	11.9	--
Civil service retirement	8.8	--
Military retirement	6.9	--
General revenue sharing	6.3	--
Housing subsidies and insurance	2.6	--
Farm price supports	.7	--
Personnel costs		
Military	24.0	--
Civilian	39.1	--

5. In the current 1976 Fiscal Year, each of the 16 tax preferences listed below will cause a federal revenue loss of \$2 billion or more. If you believe that tax fairness could be improved or government revenues increased by eliminating or modifying tax preferences, which, if any, of these tax preferences would you change and by how much? Are there other tax preferences you would modify?

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<u>Description</u>	<u>Amounts in Billions</u>	
	<u>Present Cost</u>	<u>Proposed Change</u>
1. Deductibility of nonbusiness state/ local taxes (other than on owner- occupied homes and gasoline)	\$10.0	--
2. Investment credit	8.8	--
3. Deductibility of mortgage interest on owner-occupied homes	6.5	--
4. Net exclusion of pension contributions and earnings	6.4	--
5. Deductibility of property taxes on owner-occupied homes	5.3	--
6. Deductibility of charitable contri- butions (other than education)	5.1	--
7. Exclusion of interest on state/local debt	4.8	--
8. Exclusion of capital gains transferred at death	4.6	--
9. Capital gains: individual (other than farming and timber)	4.2	--
10. Exclusion of unemployment insurance benefits	3.8	--
11. Exclusion of employer contributions to medical insurance premiums and medical care	3.7	--
12. Exclusion of social security benefits	3.7	--
13. \$25,000 corporate surtax exemption	3.6	--
14. Deductibility of interest on consumer credit	3.5	--
15. Deductibility of medical expenses	2.6	--
16. Excess of percentage standard deduction over minimum standard deduction	2.1	--

6. If you believe the federal tax burden for individuals or corporations should be reduced, please indicate by what amount and specify the tax changes you would recommend to accomplish this, as well as the federal expenditures you would reduce to pay for the tax relief. Indicate the corresponding information if you believe the federal tax burden should be increased.

Sincerely,



John and Barb Goergen

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*Stephen Krauss
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Hollywood, Fla.
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P. O. Box 1976 Atlanta, Georgia 30301 404/897-7100

A copy of our report is filed with the Federal Election Commission and is available for purchase from the Federal Election Commission, Washington, D.C.

1/3/76

Dear Sir or Ma;

I was told I could write to this address to find out how Jimmy Carter stands on issues not covered in the brochure I received from one of your campaign workers.

I want to know how he stands on foreign aid, especially to any more ^{American & men} money being thrown away into the hands of Asian drug peddlers & thugs. I want to know how he feels about another war incident with Asia, if it should come.

I also want to know his feelings & thoughts about the people America owes it's existence to, the American Indians.

Any further information you could send would be appreciated.

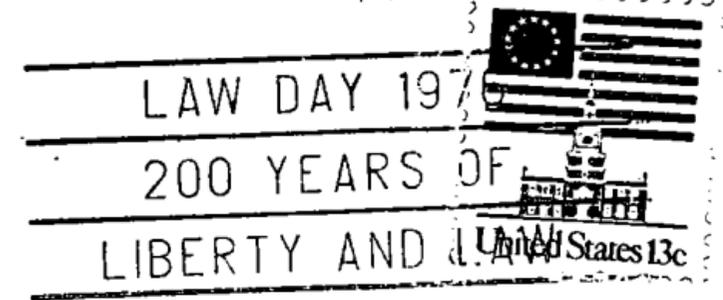
Thank you,

Sincerely

Mr. Judy Whiteside

P.S. I am enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope for the information.

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6722 14th Ave.
Kenosha, Wis. 53140



James

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Atlanta, Georgia

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6/23/76

Mr. Christopher Tate
P.O. Box 1976
Atlanta Georgia 30301

Dear Mr. Tate:

Enclosed are questions on foreign policy which I dictated over the phone to Beth Lumpkin. We appreciate the assistance you are giving us and hope that you are successful in the campaign.

Very truly yours,



Linda Shah, editor

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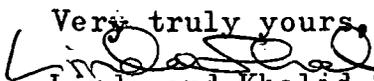
Dear Mr. Carter:

We appreciate any time you can give from your busy schedule to answer the following eight questions for the Indian press.

- 1 - The Indian community in America has traditionally felt that the Democratic Party is more sympathetic towards India and her problems than the Republicans. Is this still true or will poor relations continue as a result of developments in India since the beginning of the Republican Administration?
- 2 - Do you still consider India to be a democracy?
- 3 - Do you still consider India to be non-aligned?
- 4 - You mention the USSR, China, other democracies and the Third World as categories into which foreign nations appear to fall. Where does India fit into these categories?
- 5 - You stated that your Presidency would no longer condemn and stand in judgement of divergent systems in other countries. On the other hand you said we should not tolerate outside influence on other countries' systems. How does this apply to India?
- 6 - Your economic advisors are known to be econometricians. Can econometric planning be utilized as the basis for global planning?
- 7 - What is your stand on a new international economic order?
- 8 - You mentioned Italy's political difficulties as being partially the result of Europe's and America's neglect. Is this also partially true in India and elsewhere?

We realize you have avoided making policy statements on specific countries and that this may be a sensitive time to ask you to do so. We hope that you will be able to answer our questions which are of gravest concern to Indians, in the most specific way. However, if this is not possible, we hope for some more general answer which will be applicable to India on questions of Democracy in the developing countries, and the need for global economic planning.

Very truly yours,


Linda and Khalid Shah, editors

Gonchy!

June 29, 1976

Committee for Jimmy Carter
1795 Peachtree Road N.E.
Atlanta, Ga. 30309

Dear Friends,

I have been trying to follow the candidates' stands on the various positions. This has led to some confusion.

I would like Mr. Carter's positions on the following matters: gay rights, abortion E.R.A., cutting the oil depletion allowance, separation of church and state and amnesty for the Vietnam resisters.

I wish this information so that I can make the best decision in November.

Cordially yours,

Rev. Dr. Ralph R. Gonichelis

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Amnesty

241 N. Whitney
St. Augustine, FL 32084
June 22, 1976

Jimmy Carter for President
Campaign Headquarters
Plains, Georgia.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed are two quotes from current magazines, and I would like to know fully Mr. Carter's feeling on these issues.

I am also interested in whether or not Mr. Carter would re-institute registration for the draft (Selective Service Sytem) as was conducted several years ago.

Sincerely,

Justine K. Harty
Mrs. Justine K. Harty

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quote from U. S. News and World Report June 28, 1976

Pardons: "Full and complete pardon for those in legal or financial jeopardy because of peacefully opposition to the Vietnam War, with deserters to be considered only on a case-by-case basis."

quote from Atlantic Monthly July 1976

"During his first week in office, he claims, he would grant a blanket pardon (but not full amnesty) to all Vietnam War draft evaders and deserters, permitting them to come home without fear of punishment.

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Dear Mr. Carter,

I live in a Carter for President family. I would like to congratulate you on the progress you have made in your bid for the white house.

Since we are for you, and it looks like you will be running in the fall, I would like to get some of your views on the following items. The reason for me needing the views, when I talk to people about you (trying to convert a few more votes for you.) I want to make sure I have the right facts.

What are your stands on

1. G. I. Bills to see that the Vets can get a education, with enough funds to ~~live~~ live while in school

2. Welfare - To get the people off

3. Fed Highways - When will I-95 be completed

4. Taxes - When will high income pick up the slack from the 8 to 20 thousand bracket.

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5. Foreign Affairs - when are we going to ~~the~~ stop giving funds to countries that turn around and stop us in the back.

These are the most talked about items in my circle of friends. I know you are very busy, but if you could have a staff member send me the requested info. I promise I will use it to try to get you more votes. I think it is about time for a Southern to be President.

Enclose is a check for 5⁰⁰ I'm sorry it is all I can afford at this time.

Also if it is not to much trouble I would like very much to have a couple of your bumper ~~sticker~~ stickers for my car.

Please send the requested info and bumper stickers to

Jerry W Reed
1211 Peri St.
Opa Locka, FL 33054

Good Luck in November.
Jerry W Reed

Jimmy Carter Presidential Campaign

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A copy of our report is filed with the Federal Election Commission and is available for purchase from the Federal Election Commission, Washington, D.C.

24 June 1976

Jimmy Carter Campaign Headquarters
Plains, Georgia

Gentlemen:

I was very distressed recently to read the text of Mr. Carter's foreign policy statement. Mr. Carter made no mention of a continent of several hundred million people, 3 and a half times as big as the United States. I'm speaking of course, of Africa. The international news in the last few weeks has been filled with news of Southern African moves for liberation from oppressive, racist regimes in South Africa, Namibia and Rhodesia. I urge Mr. Carter to make his sentiments felt on the issue of freedom for Southern Africa and America's role in this process. At a recent speech by Ms. Goler Butcher, she mentioned that Mr. Carter had been invited to speak on these issue before the Black Forum. I urge Mr. Carter to attend the meeting of this forum, and to come out with strong statements in favor of black liberation. against apartheid, and against American corporation that take advantage of the slavery of the apartheid system to make large profits from their investments there.

Sincerely,

Wendy Simmons

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① Sale of weapons to foreign countries

Joseph Baran
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May 12, 1976

Jimmy Carter.
Plains, Georgia

Dear Sir:

The reason for me to write this letter is to know your view point on the United States selling other countries weapons. My view point is, North Vietnam was fighting South Vietnam. The United States was selling alot of weapons to the South, where as the blackmarket was selling our weapons to the North, which we are against. My question is, are you going to sell alot of weapons to the next war there is? I would like your view point on this subject, it may make a difference at voting time.

Sincerely your,

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June 17, 76
Hon. Jimmy Carter
Plains, Georgia

Dear Mr. Carter:

First of all, Congratulations!
Now, one question haunts
the American people; are you in
favor of extending socialism
by breaking up the Oil Companies
and other industries in America?
Are you in favor of the free
enterprise system? Obviously,
you must either be for one
or the other - you can't be for
destroying American private business
and the free enterprise system at
the same time. No man can serve two masters.

Thank you, kindly -

Sincerely,
M. J. Patrick.

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4 Lexington Ave.
West Chester, Pa. 19380
June 17, 1976

Dear Mr. Carter:

There is an issue which has not been discussed by either party so far and which is highly important to every American. That is, the permanence of Social Security.

I have read in several articles in national magazines that there is great danger of the system going bankrupt in a few years. This is a matter which should concern everyone except the very rich. And even they should be concerned, for if it fails there will be a revolution.

I think you should make a statement, and keep repeating it, and make it a plank in your party platform, that the system will be kept solvent. In a political sense this will assure you the support of many millions of voters, in fact it may even assure you the support of everyone except the most rabid Republicans.

Now where is the money to come from to assure this? You may have a solution, but another one would be to cut back on foreign aid. Let us begin to think of the American people for a while, instead of the rest of the world. If it comes to a question of where aid should go, to foreign countries or the Social Security system, there should be no question. Furthermore, I think foreign nations should be told this right now. Prepare them for a slackening of support, then they could not say they had no warning.

Your staunch supporter, *William Downton*

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Dear Mr. Jimmy Carter,

I would like to find out how you feel about President Ford's move to go into Angola with American arms. Would you do the same? Do you favor helping the blacks gain their freedom from South Africa & get majority rule in South Africa & Rhodesia. What is going to be your policy toward these countries if you are elected President?

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Also do you favor President
Ford's policy of going further
& further into debt to stimulate
to economy. How would you
keep us out of recessions.

I would appreciate
your answer & a ^{letter} address
where I could write future
letters.

Yours very
sincerely,

Charles R. Kempt.

P.S. I like your attitude
on daily prayer.

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① Secretary of State
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June 2, 1976

Mr. Jimmy Carter
Former Governor of Georgia
Plain, Georgia 31780

Dear Mr. Carter:

Before the election this fall I would like your answer on a few matters. Let me remind you that I am not interested in just having some more political rhetoric. here are some questions to which I would like satisfactory answers:

- (1) If elected would you honestly cut down on these many archaic bureaus of government?
- (2) If elected do you really mean busines in helping our country get back to basic honesty in government?
- (3) Are you ashamed of your commitment to Jesus Christ, our Lord?
- (4) If elected will you really work for putting these oil-baron-like governmental workers(?) on their feet again rather than allowing them to be driven to their work in the morning and back home in the evening in governmentally leased vehicles of the expensive variety?
- (5) Do you favor cutting out this gosh-awful, duplicating of these so-called, do-gooder programs for all of us?
- (6) Do you favor cutting back on these give-away programs for so many countr~~y~~es of the world just to be squandering the tax-payers' money which we don't have but which will have to be paid by our great-grandchildren?
- (7) How do you propose to make our governmental officials more responsive to the common people of whom there are so many?

I thank you for your response to these questions so that we can more intelligently vote this fall.

Sincerely,

Paul S. Longenecker
Paul S. Longenecker

P.S. I am not a crank nor do I belong to some subversive organization.

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June 12, 1976

JIMMY CARTER FOR PRESIDENT
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Dear Mr. Carter:

The three million Greek-Americans would like your thoughts on the Cyprus issue as well as Greece and Turkey. We do not expect you to endanger the position of the United States. but if one would seriously think of the plight of the two hundred thousand Cypriotes still living in tents the past two years, the calamity would be better appreciated.

Would appreciate hearing from you. Thank you.

Sincerely

Christ K. Daoukas

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My dear Senator:

I recently wrote a letter to the fifteen senators who serve on the Senate Judiciary Committee, expressing my opposition to the current Oil Divestiture Bill now before the full Senate.

Senator Edward Kennedy responded to my letter with a statement of his current position on divestiture. The Senator's "Statement of Position" contains so many inaccurate conclusions and unsupported factual statements that I feel compelled to answer, and to correct some of Senator Kennedy's misconceptions and inaccurate conclusions.

It is my sincere hope that each and every one of you who have a vote in this extremely crucial Bill will thoroughly acquaint yourself with the correct facts and the devastating economic results that its passage would have on this country. To that end, and for your information, I have enclosed copies of the following:

- (1) My original letter to the senators of the Senate Judiciary Committee;
- (2) Senator Kennedy's position paper on oil divestiture; and
- (3) My response to Senator Kennedy's position.

Thank you for considering my views on this extremely important issue.

Very truly yours,

John A. Haeber
President

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June 2, 1976
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The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
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United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

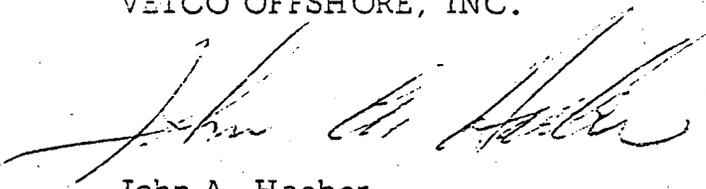
Dear Senator Kennedy:

Please register me as one American who is sick and tired of the continued erosion of our guaranteed constitutional freedoms and of the Congress's continuous meddling in the free enterprise system.

You will have before you, prior to the middle of this month, S.2387 for consideration by your Senate Judiciary Committee. There is no possible way that implementation of this bill could in any way benefit the American consumer or could in any way increase our energy supplies. On this matter, I ask you to show your statesmanship and submit your vote against the proposed vertical divestiture of U.S. privately-owned companies. Don't forget--these companies have international competition which you would place in a position of serious competitive advantage as compared to our own U.S. companies, if this bill should be enacted.

Yours truly,

VETCO OFFSHORE, INC.



John A. Haerber
President

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STATEMENT BY SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY
ON OIL DIVESTITURE

May, 1976

According to the Federal Trade Commission, the following represents the concentration in crude production:

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1973</u>
Top 4	21.2	26.5	27.9	31.1	35.8
Top 8	35.9	43.3	44.6	50.5	53.8
Top 20	55.7	63.0	63.0	70.2	76.3

But that is not all, in 1973, the FTC reported that as of 1970, the largest four, eight and twenty firms held 57, 64, and 94 percent, respectively, of net domestic proved crude reserves.

And the level of control does not rest there. Ninety-two percent of all crude oil shipped in the United States originates in pipelines owned by 16 major oil companies. And 76 percent of all refined products shipped originated in pipelines owned by the 16 major oil companies. They are able to place substantial pressure on independent producers and independent refiners by their control over crude supplies. Independent producers virtually have to sell to major company-owned gathering systems and to major company-owned crude trunklines. If they substantially undersell the majors, their supplies can be adversely affected.

The entire process restrains competition throughout the oil industry. That may well be a major reason why--- contrary to the major companies' efforts to portray their profits as reasonable--- the 25 top companies had a combined after-tax profit increase of 71.3% from 1972 to 1975. The FTC already has filed suit against major oil companies for their anti-competitive practices in the gasoline market.

The current legislation is modified--- to meet some of the earlier objections and is less extensive than the previous proposals. Those proposals, however, did receive 45 votes in the Senate last session.

We are hopeful that the more limited present proposal, which does not require refiners to divest themselves of marketing assets (service stations, etc.) will be successful. It still would separate production, transportation and refining segments of the oil industry.

It would not, as some have expressed fear, produce uneconomic units. Each of the divested firms still would be sufficiently large to be counted among the Fortune Magazine list of the top 500 businesses in America. In fact, the Antitrust Subcommittee received testimony that the after-divestiture firms would find it just as easy to obtain capital as prior to divestiture. And for consumers, there is an expectation that prices ultimately will come down.

Also, for the first time, there would be substantial competition between crude oil companies to obtain the foreign crude at the lowest price. Instead of integrated companies operating as the sidekicks and marketing arms of the Arab countries, there would be competition that could impose downward pressures on OPEC prices.

Finally, I think it should be quite clear that the major oil companies' recent scare campaign with their employees and their stockholders deserves a sharp rebuttal. With regard to employees, there is no evidence of any sort that the divested companies would use fewer employees. Again, there is no evidence whatsoever that major employee benefits could be endangered, and union support for divestiture should demonstrate that fact. Also, with regard to pension rights, even if history were not to indicate that they would be protected, Congress passed the Pension Reform Act two years ago that provides for government insurance of pension rights. In addition, I would suggest that any comparison of the stock values of divested companies, before and after, would find that in general the stock value of the divested companies actually rose. And the Antitrust Subcommittee had testimony that oil company divestiture also would produce higher stock values.

I believe the goals of meeting our energy needs, of assuring growth in all sectors of the economy, of limiting inflation, and of maintaining a viable political system will be served by divestiture of the major oil companies.

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The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
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Dear Senator Kennedy:

Thank you for taking the time to respond to my recent letter regarding my opposition to Senate Bill S-2387, concerning oil divestiture. I have studied quite carefully your position paper concerning this crucial Bill, and must admit I am frankly shocked at the inaccurate statements and factual misinterpretations contained therein. Because of the importance of this Bill to the American people, I feel I must respond to some of your arguments, and attempt to correct some of your evident misinterpretations.

Senator, you place great importance in the fact that the history of the oil industry is one of increasing concentration. You evidently believe, since the top twenty companies control 76.3% of the crude production and a substantial amount of both the crude reserves and transportation facilities, that this constitutes a restraint of competition in the industry. I think even you must agree that, where efficiency has been an optimum goal in economic history, all industries have gradually become more concentrated. The automotive industry has two major companies which control more than 75% of that market, and you will find this same type of concentration in the steel and rubber industries—in fact, in all major industries where efficiency has been an optimum goal. The record shows that twelve industries are more integrated, and twenty-six are more concentrated than the oil industry; yet, I do not hear the Senate calling for a break-up of those industries. If because of this alleged concentration there has been or now is a restraint of competition in the industry, the Federal Trade Commission, as you indicate, has the power to institute legal action against major oil companies for violation of the Antitrust laws. What you fail to point out is that the Federal Trade Commission has brought innumerable suits against the oil industry, yet thus far has failed to prove a violation of the law.

You further indicate that the top twenty-five companies had a combined after-tax profit increase of 71.3% in the three-year period from 1972 to 1975. It is quite easy to misinterpret such figures, because the essential function of profits in our economy, and particularly the vital importance of high earnings in energy-supplying industries, is

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not adequately appreciated by the layman. For that reason, I would like to briefly review some facts and figures with you, which have been generated by The Chase Manhattan Bank, Energy Economics Division, and the Petroleum Department of Citibank. As you are well aware, forecasts of future energy needs historically have proven grossly conservative. We now know that between 1955 and 1970, the worldwide demand for energy grew at an average annual rate of approximately five (5%) percent. It is believed that the worldwide demand for energy in the period 1970 through 1985 will continue to grow at an annual rate of approximately 4.2%. Of the total growth of worldwide energy between 1970 and 1985, oil is expected to be called upon to accommodate more than half the load. From 1955 to 1970, the demand for oil increased at approximately 7.5% per year. It is now estimated that for the period 1970 through 1985, a lower average annual growth rate of approximately 5.5% can be expected. What is all this going to cost? If the petroleum industry hopes to find 600,000,000,000 barrels of oil between 1970 and 1985, it will need to invest a minimum of \$400,000,000,000 for capital and exploratory purposes, and another \$370,000,000,000 for other essential purposes such as refineries, processing facilities, tankers, pipelines, and distribution systems. While part of the funds necessary to finance such an effort may be obtained from external sources, Chase has determined that \$460,000,000,000, or nearly forty (40%) percent of the industry's total financial needs will have to be obtained from profits. Furthermore, these dollars are measured in terms of 1970 dollars, and inflationary forces must not be ignored. For example, if the world experiences a ten (10%) percent inflation rate, the requirements for capital and exploratory purposes would rise from \$770,000,000,000 to more than 1.4 trillion. With these figures in mind, a review of the profitability of the oil industry from 1963 through 1972 is in order.

A study by Citibank has shown that petroleum industry profits averaged 11.5%, as compared with 12% for total manufacturing. The year 1972 emerges as the oil industry's record low year for the decade, with the rate of 10.6%. Fourteen other industrial groups studied had greater ten-year average profit rates than the petroleum industry, with the top five ranging from 15% to nearly 19%. Citibank indicated that in 1973, earnings increased 53% for all U. S. oil companies, both foreign and domestic. What you seem to forget, Senator, is that average return on shareholder equity was still only 14.9% during this period of time. This compares with an earnings increase of 31% and a return of 14.1% for total manufacturing concerns last year. Four industries historically had higher earnings gains, and ten had greater equity returns. While such figures indicate that 1973 gains were substantial, it must be remembered that the base level of 1972 was well below the average. The true measure of profitability, therefore, is not the total dollar earnings, to which you have referred, but the industry's rate of return on net worth on shareholder equity.



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It must also be remembered that, while industry revenues have increased, so have costs. In a study of thirty-seven oil companies, since 1960, it was found that between 1960 and 1974, costs rose faster than revenues, at an average of 14% annually, against an average 13% gain in the companies' gross. While revenues moved sharply upward again in 1974, increasing approximately 75%, these gains were outstripped by an even sharper increase in costs of 81%. These figures clearly indicate that the petroleum industry's return-on-investment dollar has not been excessive, and that profitability is an absolute necessity if the energy demands of this country are to be met. According to Chase, the petroleum industry will need approximately \$845,000,000,000 of profits between 1970 and 1985, for investment purposes, assuming that the world experiences a 10% rate of inflation. Unfortunately, the first four years of that period have seen a generation of no more than 7% of the required amount of profits, or \$60,000,000,000. Even if we assume that there will be no further inflation during this time frame, the \$60,000,000,000 would represent only 13% of the industry's total needs for the fifteen-year period. Under such circumstances, only an uninformed individual would argue that the petroleum industry's "profits" are excessive.

You make the further statement that there is every expectation that prices of gasoline will be reduced by the break-up of the oil industry. The facts are that the economic result would be the exact opposite. Each separate economic unit created by the divestiture (such as production, transportation, and refining segments of the industry) would need to show a reasonable profit, in order to justify their existence to stockholders, creditors, and employees. This would entail escalation of prices at every economic level, beginning with production and continuing through the retail sale of gasoline to the consumer. Since stock values are based on the profitability of a company, you probably are correct in your statement that divestiture would produce higher stock values for every economic unit. It is, however, naive to believe that the value of stocks will go up, while profits and the price of the end-product will go down. Increasing stock prices will, instead, be a reflection of the profitability of the company and the increased cost of the product to the consumer.

I would be interested in seeing the basis for your statement that the break-up of the oil companies will lead to increased pressure on OPEC to reduce their prices. It is quite clear that the price of foreign crude is unaffected by any type of alleged competition between purchasers; in fact, it is a rather elementary economic concept that increased demand or competition for a product tends to drive up the price. OPEC prices, like any other, would be reduced by a cutback in the demand for OPEC oil through conservation, increased discovery/production of indigenous



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petroleum, as well as the development of alternate energy supplies. This is shown by the anticipated price changes OPEC is expected to approve. Libyan crude, as well as low-sulfur crude from Algeria and Nigeria, are expected to increase the price by as much as forty cents per barrel. Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Iran, however, have reduced prices for their medium- to heavy-weight crude anywhere from seven cents to ten cents per barrel. These price changes are all a result of market conditions. The price for crude tends to go down in a period of oil surplus, and tends to go up in a period of oil shortage.

It seems to me that, rather than engaging in an attempt to break up the oil companies, our elected officials should be engaged in formulating a viable energy policy, and increasing the incentive to develop our domestic supplies, both on- and offshore. Further, Senator, you totally ignore the fact that most of our foreign competitors are integrated companies, and to force our domestic companies to divest would put them at a distinct economic and competitive disadvantage with their foreign competitors.

Testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee by the Federal Energy Administration, Securities & Exchange Commission, as well as the State, Commerce, and Defense Departments, indicates a broad spectrum of opposition to the Oil Divestiture Bill. In his remarks, Frank Zarb pointed out that there was no evidence that a new structure would result in more abundant and secure oil sources at reasonable prices; but, in fact, that there was good cause to believe that higher prices would result, and that the process of divestiture would be so disruptive as to preclude the U.S. attaining energy independence in the next decade. Although this testimony was before you, prior to your vote to place the Oil Divestiture Bill before the full Senate, I would certainly request that you review these comments, prior to full debate in the Senate.

In summary, there is absolutely no factual support for any of your conclusions; therefore, I would respectfully request that you undertake a review of the pertinent facts, and, prior to full Senate debate, make yourself aware of the economic realities and harsh economic consequences that will result if the Oil Divestiture Bill is passed.

Very truly yours,

John A. Haeber
President

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cc: Hon. Gerald Ford
Hon. Nelson Rockefeller

Full Senate Membership
Hon. J. Carter ✓

Mr. Ronald Reagan

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HARDY SANDERS

July 23, 1976

Mr. Jimmy Carter
Plains, Georgia 31780

Dear Mr. Carter,

There are certainly many more important issues in the campaign to come than the following; however, the "Right to Work" law is an issue involving individual freedom and concerns many of us.

You have veered from supporting the "Right to Work" law concept to stating you would sign into law it's abolition if it got through Congress. Can you state a clear position relative to this issue?

I was at the first meeting of the Dallas Democratic Forum today and heard Robert Straus tell what a person of integrity that Sen. Mondale is. Certainly I don't disagree, but I can not imagine how you and he can cooperatively work a united platform statement on "Right to Work"?

Best Regards,

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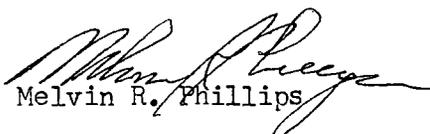
Dear Gov. Carter,

The issues in the Presidential campaign are many and complex and I appreciate the statements you made in your acceptance speech and much of what I have read. I wish you well and can assure you of my support.

I am interested in the problem of Social Security. I bought into the program several years ago and now almost wish I were out. After thirty years in the pastorate I have seen quite a few people come to a very scary retirement and, although benefited by Social Security, sincerely fearful of the future. In my present position I work with social agency people and discover the deep feelings about the soundness of the program. I am only eight years from retirement and can scarcely see real benefits for all the money I have put in as a self-employed person. That takes a big chunk out of an annual salary.

As I understand, in the next 50-75 years Social Security will be paying out something like 4 trillion dollars but has not financial base for it. What do you believe can be done to secure a satisfactory financial system? If some agencies are using the reserves of Social Security, can this be stopped? What do you see and propose to give proper regulation and assurance for the coming years?

Sincerely,


Melvin R. Phillips

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From the desk of

JOHN E. BLACK

Am sorry. I wrote a similar
on July but inadvertently
mailed it to Gains, Ga

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July 22nd, 1976

The Honorable Jimmy Carter,
Plains, Ga.

Dear Jimmy Carter:

It gives me a real pleasure and great satisfaction to extend to you my heartiest congratulations on your nomination as the Presidential Candidate of our great and truly united Democratic Party. You and Senator Mondale are a sturdy and a qualified team. I believe you will be a winning team in November.

However, I must point out one serious handicap. It is your position on divestiture. I wrote you with regard to this subject on May 10th. I now have some additional and factual material for you. It is attached in the form of a special report by the Oil & Gas Journal: "Divestiture - Why Break Up Oil Companies?". It presents the true picture in a most understandable way and provides ample evidence that divestiture should not be approved.

I believe that divestiture is unsound and unjustified. I am convinced that, if enacted, such legislation would be but a step towards down-grading our tried and true Free Enterprise System. Also, adversely effect beyond repair our energy, our economy, our consumers and our security; and, in fact, turn our present high standard of living into an abrupt reverse.

Kind regards and every best wish. May God bless you and keep you - and inspire you.

Sincerely,


J. E. Black

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DIVESTITURE—

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Why break up oil companies?

GENE T. KINNEY
Editor

TWO YEARS ago most Americans had never heard of divestiture.

Today they are assured by a large minority in the Congress that divestiture **may** be one of the solutions to the energy crisis.

Sponsors of such legislation don't exactly promise more oil and gas at lower prices. But they hold out the hope that independent producers, refiners, and marketers will benefit, even if consumers don't. They further expect that refiners which no longer have any interest in producing profits will drive a harder bargain with the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) on crude-oil prices.

Those who speculate on these benefits still haven't demonstrated just how they will be delivered. The independents who are supposed to be better off under the new order of things don't believe it. Scholars, bankers, and lawyers, plus the majors who would be broken up, warn of higher prices, reduced supplies, and an end to any thought of energy independence.

Nevertheless, almost half of the Senate is on record in favor of breaking up the major integrated companies. The issue hasn't come to a vote in the House. But divestiture—the oil companies call it dismemberment—appears to have a large following in the lower chamber as well.

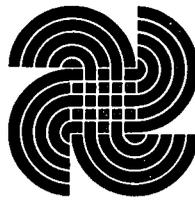
If vertical divestiture is enacted into law, the top 18-22 integrated firms will be split up into production, refining, marketing, and transportation units. If horizontal divestiture is voted, oil and gas companies will have to get rid of all other types of energy production.

A solution in search of a problem?

Which energy problems if any will these actions solve?

Sponsors of the more than 30 divestiture bills claim that competition will be increased in all phases of the energy business. But removal of the major companies from one or more of these businesses could just as easily mean less competition, not more.

Also, the **hope of increased energy production** appears on close analysis to be no more than that. In fact, the evidence points in the other direction.



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July 22, 1976

Hon. Jimmy Carter
Plains, Georgia 31780

Dear Governor Carter:

The State Department recently issued an analysis to the effect that your approach to foreign policy is not materially different from that of Secretary Kissinger.

An area of particular concern to me, as a private citizen, has been the decline of the U. S. State Department as an agency on top of world developments. Perhaps one of the reasons for the decline is that the State Department never fully recovered from the wholesale firings of knowledgeable employees by John Foster Dulles. Possibly another reason has been the shift of authority to national security agencies. A third reason might be the tendency of our government to react to social and political developments abroad in preferentially military terms: What will Communists in a national Italian Government do to NATO, rather than to or for the Italian people.

Both as evidence of the decline and of its result has been our apparent lack of preparation for such world events as the oil embargo, the war between Greece and Turkey, the Cuban involvement in Angola, the strength of the Communist putsch in Portugal, the Indian development of an atomic bomb, the Lebanese civil war, and, worst of all, the U.S. involvement in a military procurement bribery scandal of global proportions. Either we were on top of all these events and were powerless to play a role in their prevention, which speaks to the efficacy of our policies, not to mention our honesty, or else we weren't, which proves the point.

It seems to me that the ignorance of what other people are like has resulted in at least one national calamity for the U. S.: Vietnam. The proper role

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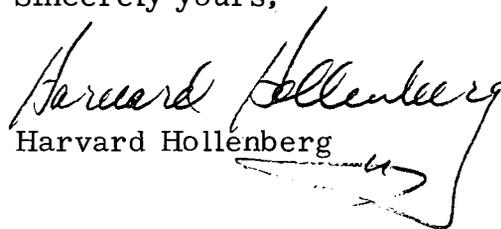
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of a President and a Secretary of State, as I see it, is not merely to stroke foreign national leaders -- important as that may be, but also to work cooperatively with those in our own government who have deep understanding and even sympathy for other peoples. The role of the State Department should be to build such understanding and sympathy, if for no other reason than to minimize the likelihood of surprises that might jeopardize our national security.

Therefore, the most significant difference between Secretary Kissinger and yourself could very well be that under a Carter Administration, the State Department will be enhanced, in terms of expertise and self esteem, to provide a greater consultive function, so that both the President and the Secretary can act not only in terms of grand designs and as reaction to unforeseen world events, but also as sympathetic and understanding friends of ordinary people, everywhere.

Sincerely yours,


Harvard Hollenberg

P. S. Having thus far departed from my area of professional expertise (Director of Legal Services for the National Center for Law and the Handicapped), I hasten to add that I recently offered my services, as a private citizen, to help Mary King with her work; and I am sure she will get back to me soon.

H. H.

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June 26, 1976.

Mr. James Carter

Plain, Georgia.

Dear Sir: I have never in my life wrote to a man who was President, or just about to be. I am President of my Local at the Huttig's Millworks plant here in Muscatine, Iowa and I just want to ask one question. I live and work in a state that has the right to work law, do you think it's fair for me to belong to our Union and the guy next to me doing the same job not belonging. I know your time is very valuable, but I hope someday you'll find time to answer this if you will, I'll be deeply grateful. And Muscatine, Iowa to my knowledge has never had a President or a man seeking the office in our town. Again if you ever find the time I welcome you to Huttig's of Muscatine, I'm sure my members and the company would be deeply honored. One thing in closing, I voted in the last Election for a Republican President my first time to vote for one and the last. Thank you for your time Sir.

Fraternally Yours,

Dwight W. Rusty Reichstein
Dwight W. Rusty Reichstein

President, Local #1559

914 E. 7th St.,

Muscatine, Iowa. 52761.

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DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

OFFICE OF
Department Commander



202 Ravenel St.,
Columbia, S.C. 29205
July 9, 1976

Governor Jimmy Carter,
Candidate for President,
Plains, Ga.

Dear Governor Carter:

It is observed from the newspapers that a Draft Dodger returns home after he fled the country seven years ago to keep from serving his country in the Armed Forces. It appears that he is an Alternate Delegate to the Democratic Convention in New York.

This organization is violently opposed to Draft Dodgers or Deserters being allowed to participate in the Democratic process for which they refused to serve in the Armed Forces to protect. This Alternate Delegate should in no way be allowed the floor of the convention to speak for Draft Dodgers and Deserters. It is hoped that you will see to it that he does not gain the floor.

This organization is opposed to granting amnesty or pardon to any person who deliberately deserted the armed forces or fled the country to keep from serving in the armed forces of the United States. If they return to this country to enjoy its freedoms for which others fought and died, they should be tried in a court of competent jurisdiction and take the consequences of their acts.

It is hoped that you will read this letter personally and not let it be referred to some member of your organization.

Sincerely,

M. L. McHugh
M.L. McHugh
Department Commander.

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Rosemarie Pascuzzi
555 Firethorn Drive
Monroeville, Pa. 15146
May 13, 1976

Jimmy Carter
Plains, Georgia

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you about the situation in Spain. I feel that since Spains Military Facist Dictator, Franco, died his men should not be able to still run the country. They've got a new king (grandson of former king) Juan Carlos. This new king is just a figure head for the country. Carlos has to ask Franco's mens' permission if he wants to do something. Do you agree with me by saying Juan Carlos should have full power over his country?

Sincerely yours,

Rosemarie Pascuzzi

Rosemarie Pascuzzi

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Pam Wilson
606 Garden City Drive
Monroeville Pa. 15146

Jimmy Carter
Plains, Georgia

Dear Sir:

My concern is about the United States getting involed with some of Vietnam's people and living in the United States. The United States should not get involed with problems like this. United States has Economic Problems as it is. What is your view point and feelings on this subject? I feel the United States should have rejected the Vietnam's children coming to the United States in the first place. But how I hear that the Vietnam Parents want there children back.

Sincerely yours,



Pam Wilson

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Jodie HenBetty
107 Bosses Drive
Monroeville Pa. 15146

Richard J. Schweiker
Worchestar, Fed Ofc. Bldg
1000 Liberty Ave, Pittsburgh 15222

Dear Sir:

In writing this letter I would like to have your view point on the Military forces. My point is, we shouldn't increase our Military. It's causing the United States to go in debt. The Money in which we do give, could be put to use very easily. We could use it for this National Health Centers and the starving countries. I would appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,


Jodie HenBetty

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Coleen Duffy
715 Illini Drive
Monroeville Pa. 15146

Jimmy Carter
Plains, Georgia

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter to get your personal opinion concerning the United States involvement in OPEC. The United States is buying most of it's oil from Canada and should continue this, because Canada is much closer and it won't be as expensive to transport oil from Canada to the United States. The nations in OPEC such as Iran, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait are further away. This is my point of view to-words OPEC. I would like your reply to help me decide at elections.

Sincerely yours,

Coleen Duffy
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MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53201
414-963-4014

June 25, 1976

Mr. Jimmy Carter
1 Woodland Drive
Plains, GA 31780

Dear Mr. Carter,

I am an associate professor of urban planning here at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and expend my major efforts in the area of housing. Since this has been an inactive area on the part of the federal government in recent years, it may be time again for new federal involvement.

An idea whose time may have come is that of housing subsidies for the middle class. The purpose of the subsidy would be twofold - first, it would bolster demand for new construction; second, and more important, it would help to promote integration because the subsidy would be tied to movement into racially mixed areas or cause areas to become racially mixed. A middle income subsidy would be far less expensive than former federal housing subsidies because it would not need to be as large as subsidies to lower income households nor would it need to be recurring year after year. Moreover, because it would be tied to integration, it would help to reduce the need for busing to achieve racial balance in our schools. This latter impact would be especially important to northern cities faced by desegregation orders, but it would also aid southern cities which already have racially mixed residential patterns by promoting further investment in housing.

I assume that you will be the next President of the United States and wish you well in that pursuit. If you think that the idea of middle income housing subsidies might have some merit, I would appreciate a letter of your support in order that I might procure the means to create a full proposal on the subject to submit to your administration.

Thank you for your interest.

Cordially,

Sammis B. White

Sammis B. White
Associate Professor

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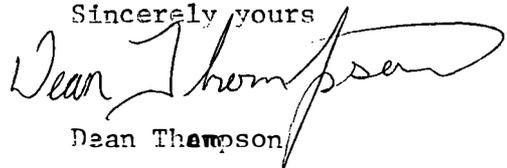
Dean Thompson
560 Sunny Field Drive
Monroeville Pa. 15146

Jimmy Carter
Plains, Georgia

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter in the interest of wreather or not you plan to get involved with other countries and there crises. I feel that we need some one who is willing to get involved with the world. If I am to vote for anyone It will be someone who is open minded, concerned about the world and what is going on in it. Explain to me your veiw point econ-omicly and politically concerning the United States crisis in the world.

Sincerely yours


Dean Thompson

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Dear Sir,

I would deeply appreciate it if you would send me your views on unemployment, inflation, social security benefits, defense spending, deficit spending, foreign aid, abortion, The ERA situation, and the CIA situation. I would also like some background information on you such as when and where you were born, what schools you attended, and what positions or offices you have held. Last of all I would like a recent picture of yourself.

Thank You
John Barnwell
John Barnwell

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Cleveland, Okla.
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Jimmy Carter
Committee for Jimmy Carter
1795 Peach Tree Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia
30309

Sirs:

Please send me information concerning your views on current issues in American policy. Issues such as inflation, gas and oil prices, National Crime, the S. A. F. 7. Agreements, political accountability, the Social Security System, welfare, unemployment, Defense cut backs, Amnesty gun control, and foreign policy are all an interest to me.

I would appreciate a response
to these issues as soon as
possible. If it is no trouble,
please send me some
campaign material. Thank You.

Sincerely Yours,
Pam Miller

Scotty Griffith
Box 528 RT. 2
Cleveland, Oklahoma 74020
March 24, 1976

Jimmy Carter
Committee For Jimmy Carter
1795 Peachtree Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

Sir:

Please send me information concerning your stand on current issues in American policy. Issues such as inflation, gas and oil prices, national crimes, the S.A.L.T. agreements, Political Accountability, the Social Security system, welfare, unemployment, Defense Cutbacks, Amnesty, Gun control, and foreign affairs are all an interest to me.

I would appreciate a response to these issues as soon as possible. If it is no trouble, please send me some campaign material. Thank you.

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Sincerely,
Scotty Griffith

24 March 76

Presidential hopeful
Jimmy Carter

As a voter from the state of Alabama, I would like to know how you stand on ~~the~~ these issues.

1. Foreign policy
2. Constitution of the United States
3. States Rights
4. Bussing
5. Free enterprise system.

Thank you for your time. Will be waiting for your reply.

Rickey Vinick
Box 608-3275
A.P.O. N.Y.
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March 20, 1976

(See other side)

Dear Jimmy Carter,

~~issues~~
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answer

I have been supporting NSF/RAF because I think they're helping to keep people in farming who otherwise might get pushed off their land.

I wonder if the drift of people from rural to urban areas is good for the country. I am concerned about the growing power of agribusiness and wonder if government subsidies are misdirected

It occurred to me that this is an issue with which you should be especially well acquainted and on which you might want to take a position during your campaign.

Other issues that I think are important are Defense Spending and Disarmament, Energy (inc Food) Fiscal Responsibility (inc Inflation), Employment and Tax Reform.

Best wishes

JR Piazza

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Dear Friend of NSF:

The enclosed folder is about a dream coming true--a dream of yours as well as ours.

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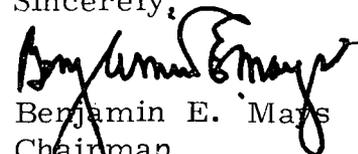
So, I hope you will take a few moments to look over this report on NSF/RAF in 1975.

Frankly, we believe that what is occurring in nearby Anson County, North Carolina, may very well turn out to be the beginning of a movement that could end the costly erosion of our society and restore the moral and spiritual balances that made our country great.

We would all like to see that happen, of course.

We dare now to think that it can--with your continued help. We are sure you will want not only to keep the dream alive, but see it spread and grow. To that end, we enclose a reply envelope--in hopes you will use it today to renew your support of NSF's exciting program. With thanks for all your past faith and financial help, I am

Sincerely,


Benjamin E. Mays
Chairman

P.S. This is the only appeal we will make this year on behalf of the National Sharecroppers Fund. We will send other reports during the year on the work of the Rural Advancement Fund, NSF's training and educational arm. We urgently need your help now to strengthen and expand our legislative and coalition-building program.

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~~Personal Religious Convictions~~
~~Government funding for Transcendental Meditation~~
~~Capitol Punishment~~
~~Detente with Russia~~
~~American support for Israel~~

To Whom it may concern:

As a concerned American citizen viewing the presidential candidates, it has come to my attention that facts must be known about the issues which are of much importance in this coming election, in order to make a just judgement as to the election of our next president.

Please send me information indicating where Mr. Carter stands upon the following issues:

- I. Abortion
- II. E.R.A. (Equal Rights Amendment)
- III. Capitol Punishment
- IV. General view concerning defence:
including--A. B-I Bomber
- V. Gun Control
- VI. Humanist Manifesto
- VII. Personal Religious convictions
- VIII. Government funding for Transcendental Meditation
- IX. Capitol Punishment
- X. Detente with Russia
- XI. American support for Israel

The rushed return of this information would be much appreciated.

Your fellow citizen

Alex De Young

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Neil Shusterman
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July 16, 1976

Dear Governor Carter (or President elect?)

Congratulations! I listened and taped your speech last night, and just listened to it again, in case I missed anything. I am convinced, should you get elected, this country will take on a new lease on life with your's and Sen. Mondale's help. In my small way, I would like to add whatever I can to make you succeed.

Though I might be jumping the gun, I am sending you copy of letter attached. You say there should be no discrimination, and discrimination based on sex is what I am fighting most. I am, and continue, to be an activist for women's rights and will not stop until the fight is finished. I have had some victories, and sometimes I lose. However, be it in the area of employment of women, unemployment benefits for women when they are entitled to collect and are denied that right, I fight on. I also want the right of women to chose their profession, and cross sex barriers, if they so desire.



I am keeping this letter short. ~~an~~ You must by now receive mountains of mail. All I want to say is, don't forget what Abigail Adams said -

"PLEASE REMEMBER THE LADIES!"

Respectfully,

Edith Schonau
National Organization for Women

41-98 Forley St., 6-A
Elmhurst, N.Y. 11373

July 16, 1976

Col. James P. McCarthy
Air Force Academy
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dear Sir:

On June 29th I heard it on TV. I also read it in the New York Times and felt great elation that women are at last admitted to military academies.

However, that great euphoric feeling soon passed, and I now feel like a deflated balloon.

It had been my greatest wish for women to have an equal opportunity with men to become commercial jet pilots. As an Air Force officer you know better than anyone that all pilots employed by commercial airlines received their initial training in the Air Force. The fact that women are, as of this moment, still barred from combat is simply being used as an excuse not to give them the customary key pilot training which makes women as unequal as before.

It is comparatively simple too just set up rules with the purpose to feed one's prejudices. The rule which prevents women from combat is just such an example of prejudices which come in handy in order to bar women from training for pilots or co-pilots. I must assume that this "law" also prevents women from training for flight engineer. This very condition has resulted in the fact that, lo and behold, we have all of three female jet pilos - Emily Howell (Frontier Airlines, Houston) and two women who pilot jet planes for Western Airlines (California).

This archaic attitude prevailing in the Services is completely out of step with progress made so far. Don't forget, this is 1976, NOT 1876! It is on the same footing with the taboo in force during the early part of the 20th Century where women were not allowed to smoke in public; in fact, a woman was indeed arrested for smoking a cigarette on Fifth Avenue in New York in 1905. I am certain that this knowledge I am imparting to you will cause you to chuckle, and so it should. You must also understand that the ruling which prevents women from becoming pilots is on a par with this ridiculous and

Col. James P. McCarthy

July 16, 1976

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and chauvinistic attitude prevailing in 1905. However, no one seems to realize that barring women from receiving exactly the same training as men so they may have equal opportunity is just as ridiculous and chauvinistic as the no-smoking dictum. THE SEX BARRIER HAS TO BE BROKEN, ACROSS THE BOARD, ONCE AND FOR ALL.

I urge you to discuss the facts put before you with your colleagues, as well as your superiors to seriously consider a change in your rules. This necessitates, of course, a change in attitudes first in order to take steps towards reaching a goal, overdue for so long.

Sincerely,



Edith Schonau
Counselor, Employment Committee
National Organization for Women

cc: Capt. Judy Galloway, Chief
Planning Staff

bcc: Ms. Grace Lichtenstein, New York Times
Ms. Carole deSaram, President, NOW ~~and~~

Gov. Jimmy Carter, Plains, Ga. ✓

March 16, 1976

29115 Hathaway
Livonia, Michigan 48150

Jimmy Carter Presidential Campaign
1795 Peachtree
Atlanta, Georgia 30305

Dear Governor Carter ,

As regular Democratic primary voters, we have narrowed ~~our~~ choices for whom we would vote in the May 18 Michigan primary down to three candidates, of which you are one. In order to cast an intelligent ballot and also decide whom we would contribute our time and money to, we believe it is necessary to know your stands or positions on the following issues which are important to not only Michiganders but Americans as a whole. We have separated them into two categories--domestic and foreign--and would appreciate your answer on each one as to how you would handle the stated situation.

Domestically, we view the economy and the present economic situation as the single most important issue. We have divided this issue down into several smaller parts which we believe will help us evaluate where you stand.

- housing*
1. Should the Federal Government encourage more housing starts by lowering or forcing the banks to lower the prime lending rate? Would your administration subsidize people who are economically poorly qualified to purchase present homes at the high interest rate?
 2. How would you encourage the attainment of full employment or substantially reduce the current unemployment rate, which now reaches 12 percent in Michigan alone?
- employment*

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inflation

3. How would you handle the problem of inflationary pay increases? Specifically, would you favor a percentage increase formula or encourage a flat rate for increases at all levels, both inside government and in private industry?

Judicial reform

-4. What method would you use to fill vacancies in government, ie. would you base it only upon job qualifications of the applicant or on other factors? What other factors would you consider?

tax reform

-5. Do you favor increased exemptions in income taxes for younger and/or single persons?

-6. Do you favor lowering the permissible retirement age (without reduced annuities), especially for women?

education

-7. How would you reorganize education to get better educational institutions and better prepared and more tolerant graduates?

-8. Are you in favor of fostering governmental work projects to employ those unemployed or employable welfare recipients?

9. Do you believe that a shorter work week (for example, 32 hours) would stimulate the economy and create more jobs?

-10. To help people cope with inflation and the recession, are you in favor of wage and price controls?

energy

11. To increase our energy supplies, do you favor projects such as the Alaskan pipeline and the use of nuclear power?

Next we would like you to answer these important foreign policy questions.

1. What should be American policy toward African and Asian governments with which we disagree politically? Especially, what would be your policy toward Angola, Rhodesia and South Africa?

2. To what extent should the American government commit itself in easing tensions in the Middle East? What

- should be our weapons supply policy and our policy on the Israel/Palestine issue?
3. What is your position on China and Chinese-American relations?
 4. Concerning the Soviet Union--
 - a.) To what extent should America limit its weapons production to secure a SALT (Strategic Arms Limitation Talks) treaty?
 - b.) Would you continue the same wheat deal policy? If not, what changes would you make?
 5. What is your policy on relations with Cuba, politically and economically?
 6. Concerning Latin America, Asia and Africa--
 - a.) Should the U.S. place any limits on the following:
 1. Financial assistance, ie. grants, loans, credits, etc.?
 2. Material Aid, ie. food and non-military aid ?
 3. Military aid?
 - b.) Should the U.S. relinquish control of the Panama Canal?
 7. What type of foreign aid do you prefer the U.S. to give to any nation --Financial, material or military?
 8. What is your policy regarding nuclear armaments and their use?
 9. Should the U.S. government tolerate the use of gratuities by American businesses to secure foreign contracts?
 10. What limits, if any, would you put on intelligence gathering both within the U.S. and abroad?

We wish to repeat that we are concerned enough with these issues to make up our minds as to who can best serve the country based upon the answers we receive. In order to make that decision, we would appreciate your reply by April 15 or sooner. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Democratically Yours,

John S. Highland.

John S. Highland, aged 65

Michael S. Clinansmith

Michael S. Clinansmith, aged 31

cc. The Detroit News
The Detroit Free Press

June 23, 1976

Jimmy Carter
P. O. Box 1976
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Carter:

Would you please send any material on your own ideas on the following issues:

Unemployment	Environmental Protection Costs
Inflation	Exports - Role of
Crime	Federal Housing Programs
Defense	Food Stamp Program
Economic Growth	De-regulations
Economic Morality	Health Insurance
Energy	International Economics Environment
Policy	Organized Labor
Nuclear	Social Security Problems
Coal	Urban Problems Break Up
Gas	Welfare System
Oil	
Research & Development	

I am especially interested in your views toward organized labor.

Would you please send this material as soon as possible.
Thank you.

Respectfully,



Nancy Hayes
220 South Kruse Road
Mt. Zion, Illinois 62549

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GEORGIA STATE LEGISLATURE
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Could you please send me some literature about Jimmy Carter's
term in office as Governor.

Please send to...

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Ann
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10528 Wilshire Blvd. #1
Los Angeles, CA 90024
July 26, 1976

Dear Governor Carter:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I
am sending to Vice Mandale, along
with a recent article from Time
magazine.

I deeply hope future substantive
actions on your part, in support of
equality of rights and opportunities for
women, will help heal the scars Senator
Mandale's remark has made on my
faith in your judgement, and will
make it possible for me to vote in
November.

Sincerely,

Diana L. Pinn

10528 Wilshire Blvd. #1
Los Angeles, CA 90024
July 26, 1976

Senator Mondale:

Although in the June 8 primary I did not vote for Jimmy Carter, at the time that I was casting my ballot I was aware that Governor Carter would very likely be the Democratic nominee for President. I was prepared to vote for him in November. I felt that I would be able to mark my ballot with the conviction that I was voting for a man whose judgment I could trust, a man who sincerely wished to act in my best interest. Governor Carter's subsequent department and policy announcements have generally increased my enthusiasm. I would not, I felt, be voting once again for the lesser of two evils.

I am, however, so distressed and angered by the attached article, in which you equate "childish" with "feminine" in an off-the-cuff remark, that as a feminist and member of

of the National Organization for Women,
I am seriously considering withholding
my vote from the Carter-Mondale
ticket.

Sincerely,
Diana L. Puro

encl.

cc: Jimmy Carter

shoulders who, had studied music at Northwestern University.

After a courtship conducted mainly by mail, the two were married in 1925 and in time had three sons. Clarence Mondale, 50, Fritz's older brother, is now a professor of American history at George Washington University in Washington. D.C. Morton Mondale, 41, is an education official in Aberdeen, S.D. While Fritz was growing up in a succession of hard-hit towns, the family had enough money—but only barely. "We lived in houses most people wouldn't consider habitable," recalls Morton, "but I never considered myself poor."

All during those years, farmers and storekeepers in the small towns of Minnesota were going bankrupt. The Rev. Theodore Mondale fumed at what he felt were the injustices of the system, and his outrage had a lasting effect on his sons. Mondale—who is well known as a defender of the urban poor—also champions the farmer whenever he can. The Senator was further influenced by his parents' dedication to the old-fashioned virtues of hard work, frugality and compassion.

The senior Mondale had other last-

ing influences on his son. "He would tell us, 'You only get spanked for lying or dishonesty,'" the Senator recalls. His father discouraged his sons from using tobacco by forcing them to smoke two cigars—enough to make them wretchedly sick. Alcohol was also banned in the Mondale household. Fritz Mondale still only smokes an occasional cigar, and two Scotches amount to a bender.

In high school, Mondale was known as "Crazy Legs" for his exploits on the football field and celebrated for his rich rendition of *Ol' Man River* at the Elmore theater. He was an intense young man, if an indifferent student, who had formed something called the Republican Party while still in junior high.

To earn money to attend Macalester College in St. Paul, Mondale worked as a pea-aphid inspector for the Green Giant company in the town of Blue Earth. It was at Macalester that Mondale first got involved with Hubert Humphrey and set his career on the course that was to carry him to the vice-presidential nomination.

Those were the days when Hum-

phrey, Orville Freeman (later Governor and John F. Kennedy's Secretary of Agriculture), Karl Rolvaag (later Governor) and others were struggling to banish far-left-wingers and Communists from the newly merged Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party. Mondale helped out as one of the student volunteers known as "the diaper brigade." The liberal D.F.L. has been a powerful force in Minnesota politics since the late '40s.

In 1948, aged 20 and still at Macalester, Mondale helped Humphrey in his first Senate race, running Hubert's campaign in the normally Republican 2nd District. Humphrey won there by 8,500 votes.

After Fritz's father died, there was no money to keep him in college. His plight was recalled by Mondale's father-in-law, Maxwell Adams, then chaplain at Macalester. "Fritz was called in by the financial officer of the college," says Adams, "and told, 'You owe \$40 for the second semester.' Well, he didn't have \$40. He went to professors he knew and they didn't have \$40 either." So Mondale dropped out and went to Washington as head of the student arm of the Americans for Democratic Action

Getting 100% of the Vote

Before he received the Democratic vice-presidential nomination, Minnesota's Senator Walter Mondale came to lunch with TIME editors and other staff members to discuss Jimmy Carter, the vice presidency and other issues. Excerpts:

ON JIMMY CARTER: He is very bright. He has done a lot of work, and I like the way he attacks problems. Most politicians, I regret to say, begin with polls and then back into a solution after they've analyzed what may be popular, and avoid what is unpopular. At least, in our discussions we talked about problems first on their own merit . . . One thing that appeals to Democrats—he's shown a lot of courage on civil rights. Here's a man who looks honest, looks decent, looks like he can manage, looks like he's not full of himself and looks like he's free. He doesn't have any entangling interests that control him, and he just might be the person to shake up that town [Washington] and make it work the way people want it to work.

ON SKEPTICISM ABOUT CARTER: Outside the South, the border states and a few states in which he has campaigned heavily, like New Hampshire and maybe Pennsylvania, Carter is still not well known. While the polls indicate that he has very strong appeal in a general sense, I think there is also a softness there that has to be dealt with, and I think he understands. I think that is partly the skepticism of our age. They

test all of us. They expect we are all liars and cheaters or abductors, and it takes a while for a new public personality, particularly coming out of a unique environment, to sell himself.

ON CYNICISM ABOUT GOVERNMENT: The feeling that somehow Government has gotten away from basic standards and integrity is very deep—and a feeling that there's a double standard for the rich and powerful. People also feel that Government doesn't work, and they need someone to make it responsive and make it respectful.

ON RONALD REAGAN: There's not a hint of human justice, of social justice in his argument at all. And I don't think he is looked on as a symbol of integrity. He's not tainted. But I don't think people feel the same about him in this regard of honesty and integrity and management as they do about Carter . . . Reagan's an impressive performer, but what he says scares people.

ON GERALD FORD: If Ford is the nominee, I assume there are all kinds of games planned. The Bureau of Labor Statistics will be reporting good news. Interest rates will drop dramatically. Agreements of little significance will be promoted. Just all kinds of games that they can play . . . But Ford's biggest problem is that I just don't think he is quite bright enough to be a good President. A nice guy, but the nice just doesn't cut well enough.

ON THE VICE PRESIDENCY: Carter said the problem has been that Presidents feel threatened by Vice Presidents. They don't want to share the stage. He said, "I don't feel threatened that way and I don't believe I will. I'm going to need a lot of help running this Government" . . . I told Carter if it is a ceremonial job, I'm not interested.

ON BUSING: My position has always been not for busing as such but that I'm opposed to repeal of the 14th Amendment, which prohibits discrimination. A sensitive Government would use its influence to work with the courts to achieve the elimination of discrimination in ways that diminish the disruption and tensions and the unnecessary busing. Atlanta may be the example of how it should be handled . . . They worked out a program in which there's minimum busing, but in which the black feels thoroughly comfortable.

ON CIA AND FBI REVELATIONS: Those bastards down there in Washington have got to figure out that there are some rules in this society that they're going to live with, along with everyone else. They're going to tell the truth, they're going to obey the law, and they're going to listen to people . . . But the idea that you can defend this nation within the Constitution, under the law, and tell the truth—is still considered a sort of childish, feminine position.

ON BEING PICKED FOR THE TICKET: Everybody thinks it's easy to be appointed. It's the toughest of all. You have to get 100% of the vote.

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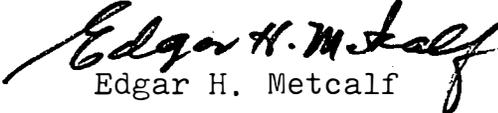
Democratic Candidate,
Jimmy Carter
Plains, Georgia 31780

Dear Mr. Carter:

Attached are copies of two subjects which seem pertinent to our country's social and economic situation and which you may wish to give consideration in your election campaign.

Congratulations on your success to your Presidential campaign effort thus far. I hope you can continue, and be elected our next president, and lead our country well. Heaven knows we could stand some good leadership.

Very truly yours,


Edgar H. Metcalf

First Subject: LABOR UNIONS

We believe it is long past time for lawmakers to address themselves to the wage price spiral and the "strike syndrome."

Congress has made it possible for Labor Unions to impose excessive economic demands on management, who in turn pass these demands on to the consuming public. This process, including automatic cost of living wage increases, erodes the value of money, and leads to ever increasing inflation.

Having endured the "great depression," I deplore and detested excesses of big capital, as they imposed monopolistic practices, and repressed honest labor.

However, now we have labor leaders creating monopolies and/or economic warfare and exerting influence in the highest levels of Government. They want to force all employees to join a Union, and pay dues, or an equivalent service fee.

All this, in our so called Land of the Free and in our bicentennial year of celebration.

In India they have sacred cows, sacred monkeys, and a Cast system, which exacts a fearful economic toll. In the United States, we have the sacred strike, the sacred picket line, and the divine order of Union boss's to whom all must bow and scrape.

Again I suggest the lawmakers should decide that it is better for them to lead wisely and not to be unduly influenced by groups of people offering election money in exchange for legislative favors.

Second Subject: WEALTH

In our land we have many people who call themselves economists. Surely one could be found to speak forth and redefine to the people what true wealth is. True Wealth is (in part at least) labor, and services performed to create real and tangible property and benefits. Wealth is also natural resources effectively utilized. Wealth is not "paper money," which some groups previously referenced as Unions make excessive demands for without first creating the wealth to match the paper.

I suggest that our next democratic president create a small cabinet of highly qualified people, including scientists, to probe for wealth from a natural resource. Such as: extracting our oil shale, mining the oceans, a cheap method of strip mining coal without destroying the land, unraveling the process of photo synthises, recycling waste material and garbage, developing solar energy.

Further, after our economic cabinet develops a source of wealth let the Government take a monopoly on it and sell to the World until such time as enough profit is realized to pay off our national debt.

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June 24, 1976*

Governor Jimmy Carter
Plains, GA 31780

Dear Governor:

I am a registered Republican but I am inclined to vote for you for President. There is one thing that I am deeply concerned about and that is your position on labor unions. I am not in favor repealing 14B. Labor unions have gotten completely out of hand so I would certainly appreciate a statement from you that you are not sold out to the unions before you get to Washington.

My office is in Fredericksburg, Virginia but I spend about half of my time in Florida and I would appreciate if you would clear these positions for me. Thanking you, I am -

Sincerely,

C. B. McDaniel
President

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The Honorable James Carter
Plains, Georgia

Dear Sir.

Several recent News Publications have recently mentioned a Congressman Peter Rodino as a possible running mate for your obvious Presidential Ticket in November. I would be remiss if it was not brought to your attention that the gentleman from New Jersey has sponsored or acted in favor of several very obnoxious gun control bills and adoption of this gentleman would assure you of at least 5 million opposition (Republican) votes.

By the way what is your position on gun control legislation? I have just retired from 22 years in the Air Force as a Lt Colonel and opened a gun shop that deals primarily in Antique and replica Arms. Yet HR 11193 voted out by the House Judiciary ("Peter's Boys") would put be out of my life long Dream business

Thank you

C. W. Emig.

(OVER.)

P.S.

I would be happy to suggest some necessary
Action concerning the Gun Control problem

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July 5th, 1976

Jimmy Carter
Plains, Georgia

Dear Jimmy Carter:

Odds are that you will be taking the oath of office as President January 20th, 1977. People voting in the November elections will want to know your stands on a variety of issues. As a writer for various journals including The Aquarian and New Age News I'm interested in the views of all of the candidates. I personally favor Eugene McCarthy & have interviewed him already. Your special activities around the country probably will make you unable to be available to me for a personal interview. However I would appreciate getting your answers to some questions. The questions follow. Please return questions and answers to me at my home address.

Sincerely,


Bob Pinkus,
100 Gregory Avenue
West Orange, N.J. 07052
tele: 201 731 4902

Q: Do you foresee the possibility of a cut in the amount budgeted for defense each year in your Administration? If so: how much? If not: why not?

Q: In light of the world food crisis do you favor or oppose cuts in the consumption of animal products by Americans to free grain used to fatten animals for humanitarian uses abroad?

Q: Do you view American and world affairs as being in the midst of a resource crisis? If so: how so? If not: why not? If so: what can be done about it?

Q: Are you a backer or opposer of development of nuclear energy in the United States? If so: how much? If not: why not?

Q: Do you favor development of western states' low sulfur coal energy resources on a large scale even if such development interfered with other local industries such as livestock? If so why? If not why not?

Q: As President would you sign or veto S-1 in its present form? Do you favor anything like S-1? If not: why not? If so: why so?

Q: As President would you go ahead with plans to build the B-1 Bomber or similar aircraft? If so: why so? If not: why not?

Q: If you would not grant full unconditional amnesty to all involved in the Indochina problem what would you do?

Q: Do you support the "volunteer army" concept or the reinstatement of the draft?

Q: Do you now totally disavow support of the concept of "ethnic purity" of neighborhoods and opposition to "alien intrusion" in those neighborhoods by other ethnic groups? If so: why so? If not: why not?

Q: As President how would you be able to maintain your independence from corporate contributors or attorneys for corporations who have aided your campaigns in the past such as Lockheed, Coca Cola, American Oil, Eastman Kodak, Eastern Airlines, Georgia poultry producers, Du Pont, dairy interests, etc? Do you feel it is proper for you to receive such aid in your current campaign? If so why so? If not: why not?

Q: Abuses highlighted by the Church and other committees have ~~revealed~~ revealed a pattern of domestic spying on Americans for political purposes by the FBI, CIA, IRS, Justice Department, etc. As President what would you do to guarantee an end to such abuses of power?

Q: Do you favor or oppose capital punishment?

Q: What sorts of constitutional concepts would you look for in persons you might appoint to the Supreme Court and other federal benches?

Q: What is your view of the rights of persons being interrogated by or in custody of the police or other authorities? Do you support the Miranda decision?

Q: How much non-military foreign assistance would you seek annually? How much of that would be in food aid? Would you seek food aid on the basis of need abroad or on the basis of alliances?

Q: Do you now disavow support for Lt. Calley? How would you explain your actions and words at the time of the Calley incident and All American Servicemen's Day in Georgia?

Q: Will you make public your remarks at George Wallace Appreciation Day now or in the future? If so when? If not why not?

Q: Would you totally rule out any Cabinet post or similar job for George Wallace in your Administration?

Q: Would you seek recognition and normalization of relations between the U.S. & the People's Republic of China? Or the Republic of Vietnam?

Q: If you had it to do over again would you support US activities in any or all aspects of the Indochina War?

Q: What are your views on the various non-profit groups of a controversial nature in the US such as the Unification Church of Rev. Moon, the Divine Light Mission of Guru Maharaj Ji, the Children of God, the Hare Khrishna Temples, and other similar groups which have attracted many young people to their causes while enraging or worrying the parents, friends, and relatives of these same young people? Do you feel such groups bear investigation or possible loss of IRS exemptions?

Q: Do you feel that the Kennedy, King, Malcolm X, Wallace, Ford, and similar assassinations or attempts ought to be re-investigated? If so: how so? If not: why not?

Q: Do you foresee a role for Senator Eugene Mc Carthy in your Administration? If so: what role? If not: why not?

Q: Would you have pardoned Richard Nixon if you had been President when Mr. Ford was? Why? / Why Not?

Q: Do you feel that the Watergate episode is closed and the people have gotten the full story? Why? / Why Not?

Q: You are quoted by former speechwriter Shrum as saying words to the effect " we only get 4% of the Jewish vote anyway so we go for the Christians?" is the quote accurate??? What did you really say and why? What do you feel you can do to ameliorate possible Jewish apprehension concerning your true feelings towards Jews?

Q: Do you support the recent Israeli venture in Uganda? Why? / Why not?

Q: Would you have acted as Mr. Ford did in the Cambodian incident? Would you have acted differently? How?

Q: What can be done about South Africa, Rhodesia and Chile to insure democracy there for all residents?

Q: What are your feelings towards the use of nicotine, alcohol, and caffeine? Do you feel these are healthy items? Would you support a federal excise tax on them? What about sugar? Should it too be taxed?

Q: Do you support Governor Brown's proposal for an end to taxes on individual incomes below \$5,000 per year? If so: why? If not: why not? What sorts of proposals do you have in mind on tax matters?

Q: Have you answered all the above questions? If so how fully? If not: why not?

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Am 8/14
Neil J

May 26, 1976

Governor Jimmy Carter
Plains, Georgia

Dear Jimmy,

I want to write you now before leaving Tulane University and commencing my new position as an international economist with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

After you become President, the most critical decisions you will make concerning the economy will involve the Federal Reserve System and specifically your relationship with the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. The Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board is the most important appointment, with respect to the national and world economy, that the President makes. No other economic appointment comes even close. I urge you to search very carefully for an economist who truly trusts the market system and understands the limits of monetary policy.

After your election, I would like to meet with you to discuss the Federal Reserve System and certain economic issues. I am looking forward to serving you then.

Congratulations on your campaign successes. I am certain of your eventual nomination and election, and I am proud to have been associated with you.

Sincerely yours,

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July 23, 1976

Governor Jimmy Carter
Plains, Georgia

Dear Governor Carter:

I have never written to a presidential candidate before, but have been encouraged by your search for new voices and new ideas.

As a practicing orthopedic surgeon in the suburban Washington area, I and my colleagues are extremely anxious to have some input into a national health program which indeed appears inevitable.

We do not presume to have all the answers to such a complex problem, but feel that physician cooperation is essential to having a successful health care system.

One of my biggest concerns is that the solutions presented by leaders in organized medical groups may not be representative of many young practicing physicians. We are anxious to support your candidacy and to share our feelings, frustrations, and problems with you. It is important to improve that which is deficient without sacrificing doctor-patient relationship or discarding those essential ingredients which have made American medicine great.

I share your quest to improve the quality of life for all Americans. In medicine, and in other areas, "why not the best?"

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,



Richard H. Conant, M.D.

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July 21, 1976

Honorable Jimmy Carter
Plains
Georgia

Dear Mr. Carter:

I, like the majority of Southerners, am very inspired as a result of your nomination as the Democratic candidate for president of the United States. Most of this enthusiasm can be attributed to the fact that you are obviously a person of ability and integrity. Furthermore, there is a matter of regional pride involved, and I say this with full realization that you would be the first one to disclaim a regional label.

In short, you are the first person who has come on the scene since Harry Truman that I feel that I could support with money, personal dedication, and plain old work at the precinct level.

Nevertheless, I still have my reservations and doubts concerning your position on specific issues. I am particularly concerned about your stance on the State's "right to work" laws. If, in fact, you have had to make an agreement with organized labor that you would not veto a repeal of section 14-B of the Taft-Hartley act (which by implication would mean that you are not in favor of the various states passing their own legislation on this subject) then I would regretfully have to vote for President Ford, even though I am not a Republican.

On September 1, of this year, I will have been practicing law in the State of Florida for 26 years. During that time, I have watched the unions climb up the ladder of dominance rung by rung. I have also noticed that on a national level, the unions have put many senators and congressmen in their "pocket" through campaign contributions. These people have unlimited funds to dispense for a candidate of their choice, or for investment (with adequate break-offs for their attorneys who handle the loan) and in my judgment they are completely out of control as far as the laws are concerned.

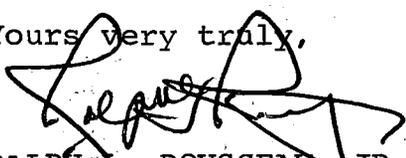
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I realize that you had to make peace with George Meany and other persons of this ilk, but, I sincerely hope that you did not have to promise that you would support legislation that would deprive a man of a job, because he did not want to join the union.

In summary, I feel that I am on the horns of a dilemma. Should I support a candidate for President of the United States because he is a Southerner and very obviously an intelligent and humane human being, or should I support the incumbent simply because he had the guts to reject the union demands?

I realize that you don't have time to answer all of these letters, and this one doesn't require an answer. I would simply like to hear you make a public expression of your exact position on the right to work laws that have been adopted by the various states. Florida's law is embodied in our constitution.

Yours very truly,



RALPH L. ROUSSEAU, JR.

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cc: Raymond H. Hodges
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28 June 1976

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Neil J. J.

Dear Mr. Carter,

Do we understand that you
have changed your position on:

- ① The right to work Lean, and
- ② Common Site Picketing?

I sure hope you have not, because
these are two of the reasons Industry
is running away from the North-East.

If you can find the time in your very
busy schedule please answer.

Sincerely,
Lawrence J. Doherty

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Ans 8/14
Neil S.
Vad

Richmond, Ohio

June 25, 1976

Mr. Jimmy Carter
Plains, Ga. 31780

Dear Sir:

I read in the Time magazine where you said you were twice born. Praise God! We need men at the head of our government that are not afraid to stand up and tell the world they are Christians. I pray that all Christians accross the land and party lines will support you and stand behind you.

You told us in Steubenville, that if we had any questions to write you, so--- I also read in the May 15 issue of the National Right to Work newsletter, quote; "All the Democrats who are believed to have a chance of winning the nomination, including the former Governor, Jimmy Carter, want the freedom of choice provision repealed"(section 14(b) of the Taft- Hartley act. Also, in the June, 1976 issue of the American Rifleman, I read, quote: "Spearheading a proposed new mass movement against gun ownership, the chief fund raiser for Democratic presidential candidate Jimmy Carter has declared publicly that within five years, we will break the National Rifle Association,"

You know the Constitution of the United States guarantees us the right to own and bear arms. If we surrender these rights: to work, to own and bear arms, which will be next: the right to worship, to speak or who knows? Let's not start giving any of them away and we won't have to stop.

Jimmy, we in Ohio are counting on you. You know we supported you June 8th. My family and I would like to hear you 'stnd' on these two questions, as our fall vote depends upon your answer.

We don't want to ever give up the Panama Canal, either.

Enc.

A brother in Christ,

Sincerely,

Charles O. Cunninghamham

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Editor, Washington Post:

Humanly speaking I felt the utter futility if not worse, of noting in my comments to you of the 4th, that there is validity in the claim that by virtue of enlightenment coming thru the citizenry in a democracy that it has potentials for guidance originating at a source higher than those either dictators or public servants are likely to have access to. Not that I don't believe this to be so, but rather that bureaucracies are able to suppress or hide issues and problems that can't be solved by the exercise of political shrewdness and bargaining. This makes it appear that there is no need to invoke Higher Guidance except perhaps as to an individual's spiritual welfare.

Doubtless this realization by many has made Jimmy Carter a faintly ridiculous figure in the political arena, at least to the Pros and the Media. Even tho few doubt his bona fide comittment to his Lord, its relevance to the Presidency seems nil and Udall is not the only one who is puzzled by his appeal which is not chaïrismic in the usual sense.

I must say that before reading the paper today it had never occurred to me that history-in-the-making would soon begin to disclose its relevancy by posing situational problems that could not be hidden, which baffled all the experts of this and every other Military and Political Establishment making a need for some guidance to come from above that mundane level. Well, Assad has provided it. In order to cover all bets your front page analysts pose a long list of possible explanations, none of which sufficiently commends itself to the author for him to declare a real bias toward any one. It doesn't make good sense to the Israeli either, and since they are past masters at the realm of self serving policies both their own and how to counter those of others, we have here a hint that what's being done makes sense only when viewed either as utterly suicidal nonsense, or that Divine Wisdom which all Holy Scriptures assure carnal man is from that viewpoint Folly. Obiously that changes the picture radically. When the pundits can find no explanation, and policy-makers must have one that time will not invalidate, it provides an incentive to at least consider how to find an entre to the level that is making policies, knowing that the one who puts them into practice, such as Assad, may himself not know the source or rationale of the policies being pursued.

I put it to you that a challenge is being throw down to all who have "taken the name of the Lord in Vain" whether here with our "In God we Trust" while putting our National trust in everything else but, or in Israel which could hardly claim its polcies made in Heaven, or in the Arab world which gives no evidence of concern for the Will of God despite their Islamic claims. First Nature rebelled at human abuse, now Nature's Creator and guide is challenging carnal wisdom.

Rachel Welch

*This should have been with
my June 4 letter - it's still
relevant tho.*

Stephen S. Rosenfeld

How to Plan a Mideast Peace Conference

is, apparently, his political advisers (not his diplomatic advisers who are suggesting to Mr. Ford that he do the essential thing and arrange a Mideast peace conference in Geneva next September. James Reston of The New York Times floated this beaut on Wednesday. Inquiries among American, Arab and Israeli diplomats produced not the slightest confirming answer. So if it happens, it'll be a heck of a surprise.

It's scarcely too soon, nonetheless, to consider what will have to go into the planning of a Mideast peace conference. The time is to go ahead, as many Americans and foreigners expect, next year. The starting point ought to be, I think, some consensus on why the process has gotten no closer to a settlement than it has since 1973. Two theories on that score are current, both probably wrong.

The first is that, mistakenly, Henry Kissinger opted for a quick fix on the Middle East (the Israeli-Egyptian and Syrian disengagements), rather than collecting everybody to sit down at Geneva to tackle the root causes. To Arabs, the root cause is the Israeli failure to accept the Palestinians; to Israelis, it is the Arab refusal to accept Israel's right to exist. It is astonishing that seemingly well-headed people, many of them critics of Kissinger's negotiating methods,

could imagine that he or all people could have pulled off, in the aftermath of the 1973 war, an across-the-board settlement of profound problems that have plagued the Mideast for three decades or more.

In fact, the disengagements bought time and—with the large and tragic exception of Lebanon—the time has been used pretty well. Egypt and Syria have turned in their fashion toward diplomacy and development. At least some Palestinians have begun coping with the reality that only a rump state is in the cards for them. The Israelis understand better than a fair settlement could provide an alternative to the ferocious economic and diplomatic pressures they are increasingly coming under.

The claim that splitting off Egypt unhitched the lead horse from the Arab peace wagon is particularly unconvincing. What those who use it really mean, I suspect, is that more pressure could have been put on Israel if all the Arabs had toed the same line. This goes to the second theory of why a settlement has been delayed—the theory of Israeli “intransigence,” for which the remedy usually prescribed is more American pressure.

There's no doubt but that the Israelis have been “intransigent” in some aspects of their policy. But have Arabs

been less “intransigent”? Where, for instance, is the Arab leader who will say that, in return for Israeli withdrawal from territory lost in 1967, Arab states will enter upon the new normal peaceful relationship with Israel that Israelis rightly regard as the quid pro quo?

Yes, there should be tough American pressure on Israel to withdraw—and warm American support to cushion the risks and anxieties of withdrawal. But there should also be tough American pressure on Arabs to offer fair and genuine neighborliness—in return. Neither should be coddled.

But the planning of a peace conference must go beyond the issues of the particular forum and the particular emphasis of American policy. It should encompass the manner of how American policy is to be formed.

It should be formed, I think, in the open, out front, publicly. The sleight of hand by which the post-1973 disengagement accords were achieved, and by which “peace” was won in Vietnam, is absolutely inimical to negotiation of an accord whose effectiveness depends on public confidence in its procedures as well as its terms. What is involved is not some abstract quest for purity but the fashioning of consensus in an area of policy where none, at least in modern

circumstances, has been hammered out before.

This process should start within the bureaucracy. Congress ought to elicit probing departmental analyses of where American interests in the Mideast lie. If all these analyses and all the interests don't neatly coincide—and of course they don't—then they ought to be resolved as best they can. Otherwise bureaucratic obstructionism will flourish.

Then, the President should lead a full public discussion of what the means and ends of American policy are. This would amount to a kind of treaty ratification debate preceding, instead of following, the negotiation. There would be an obvious risk of immobilization in such a procedure but not so great a risk as would flow from keeping the public distrustful and inadequately informed.

In the current campaign the presidential candidates are being asked to state their views on the Mideast. To ask from them a blueprint for peace is silly. Either they mouth platitudes or they mumble. But to expect them to show a sensitivity to the process by which a settlement could be sought makes sense.

In any event, a surprise peace conference, suddenly sprung by a weak campaigning President, is a recipe for disaster. When it's done, let's do it right.

William Raspberry

Govt spending (waste) issues

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June 30, 1976

Mr Jimmie Carter (Gov)

Plains, Georgia

Dear Jimmie:

I am enclosing editorial from our Miami Herald and I would like to know what you propose to do regarding the waste in the Capitol.

We are senior citizens, my wife and myself and we voted for you in our primary election down here.

We wish you all the good luck in the world and hope you will be our next President, at which time do not forget the senior citizens of this country, and forget foreign aid.

Thanks/

JAMES S RITCHIE.,

365 N. E. 160 St

No Miami Beach, Fla 33162

Presidents Aren't Kings, So Skip the Royalty Bit

THE TIMING could not have been better. Just as the nation nears the celebration of 200 years of a people's democracy, Sen. William Proxmire is asking for an end to the royal treatment and trappings that have been heaped around the President, high officials of the Executive branch and Congress itself.

The Wisconsin Democrat correctly notes that it is unseemly for a President of the United States to take on the monarchical style and manners that were part of the reason for the divorce from George III two centuries ago.

"The President of the United States is not a king, potentate, shah or a sheik," the senator said the other day. "But in recent times, the President and his advisers have been surrounded by such a panoply of servants, aides, limousines, helicopters and planes for their personal use that they have lost touch with the problems of the vast majority of the American people."

Sen. Proxmire has some specific recommendations that we think should be impressed upon The Man Who takes charge in Washington next January.

These include a cutback on limousine now assigned (about 800 presently) in Washington and on chauffeur service provided at embassies overseas and at almost every military base.

The senator also notes the fleet of 20 plush jetliners that cost the government \$66 million to buy and \$6 million a year to operate in buzzing high government officials around the country and the world. It is estimated that the 89th Military Airlift Wing, stationed at Andrews Air Force Base outside the nation's capital, makes more than a thousand flights a year to accommodate government officials who could in most cases use commercial service. It would save the taxpayers a bundle.

Another thing bugging Sen. Proxmire is the increase in exchanges of costly gifts between the President and other heads of state. The Shah of Iran can present a jeweled potato peeler to the President and not be concerned if it cost \$50,000. Is a President elected by the people to spend a lot of tax money to repay such thoughtfulness? It is suggested by the senator that gifts to visiting dignitaries be limited to \$50 and that the General Accounting Office be given the authority to audit the State Department's diplomatic and consular affairs fund which finances a lot of the exchange of expensive gifts.

There are also potential taxpayer savings in a reduction of subsidies for the White House dining rooms, including almost 100 Filipino mess servants assigned there and at other government agencies in Washington, plus almost 400 servants assigned to flag-rank military officers. "By reducing these trappings of office, we could go a long way toward returning the government to the people of the United States," concludes Sen. Proxmire.

A sound conclusion, we say.



Mr. Jimmy Carter - (PRES.) Issues

The enclosed should interest
you - & wonder how you
stand on these issues.

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Ernest M. Shore
3901 S. Ocean Dr.
Hollywood, FL 33020

MEMO

IN REGARD

TO YOUR

RECENT

COMMUNICATION:



**WHY DO WE NEED A NEW BOARD? YOU GET THE
ANSWER TO THAT ONCE A MONTH-
YOUR ELECTRIC BILL!**

What has the present board done to solve the problem? For one thing, they've told us nothing can be done. Then they say they've been working for two years to solve the problem. But why in 1973 did the board of directors of the Brazos System (on which Tri-County is represented) elect to release Southwestern Gas Pipelines from a long-term, low-cost contract to supply natural gas to the Brazos System? Southwestern said it would go bankrupt if it had to honor the contract. But Southwestern didn't go bankrupt. In fact, they recently reported an increase in earnings of \$25,000,000. A lot of that is your good money. Money that could have gone for better things—like helping to pay for the education of your children, or just to eat better those months when your electric bill was higher than your food bill.

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'More money should be spent on domestic aid'

The federal government should make available more money for domestic aid and spend less on the defense and foreign aid budgets, the head of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees meeting on Miami Beach.

Speaking at the AFSCME's 22nd annual convention Monday, Jerry Wurf said the Ford Administration has allowed itself to be "prodded by defense hustlers" in recommending defense budget increases to meet an imaginary edge in Soviet military power.

"Too much is being used to feed a bloated defense budget. Too much is going abroad in unnecessary foreign aid . . . Our money has been used to keep tin horn dictators in power who lack the support of their own people," Wurf said.

"It's about time we made billions available for an aid program right here at home, to strengthen our society and revitalize the quality of life in communities across this great land."

Wurf called for a change in the federal tax structure and revenue allocation to end the "socialism for the rich" in this country.

"Too much of our national wealth is going to make socialism for the rich a reality through an unreasonable tax mechanism," Wurf said.

Tax loopholes will cost the federal treasury \$105 billion in the next fiscal year, "almost all of it going to the very wealthy," Wurf said, adding large corporations will benefit from \$28 billion, capital gains another \$13 billion and investment tax credits \$7.5 billion.

Wurf said state and local governments had a \$10 billion surplus in 1973, but had a \$12 billion deficit last year.

He said 72 per cent of the local government revenues come from "regressive property and sales taxes," and "to provide sufficient public service for the American people we must look to the federal tax structure and it too much be made more progressive."

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Florence P. Weseman
Rt. # 2 Box 28
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June 22, 1976

Mr. Jimmy Carter
Plains, Georgia

Dear Mr. Carter:

You have persistently asked the people to trust, and have faith in you, and you promised not to lie to us. That is why you won the Democrat Primary in Texas. It was a referendum against Senator Bentson, who represents the Gas & Oil Producers of Texas. Unfortunately the entire state's elected officers, and state Federal elected officers are bought and paid by the Gas & Oil Producers, and their Lobbyist. I am sure you are aware of it too!

We the people of Texas, not the bought and paid for Monkeys, that jump whenever the Gas & Oil Producers pull their string, but the Farmers, peanut growers like you, Cattle ranchers, senior citizens, and just ordinary people, that can't afford these obscene utility rates, we want to know, WHAT IS YOUR STAND ON THE GAS & OIL PRODUCERS? ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF PRICE CONTROL ON THE WELL HEAD OR NOT?

When you had your \$1,000.00 a plate dinner in Dallas, Texas June 14, 1976, and collected \$250,000.00, we wonder how many present represented the Gas & Oil Producers. That is a very small price for what they will demand in return if elected. I know you believe to be well informed, unfortunately, your information comes from the sellers. We can't send you \$1,000.00 per person to act on our behalf. Yet if you want to be president of all the people, then listen and investigate, not with a closed mind, but with your Christian Heart, to the poor, to the aged, the invalid, and the unfortunate that are being Ripped Off by the Texas Sheiks.

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter sent to 60 Minutes, C.B.S. News Broadcast, as well as proof, and we can supply plenty of it, there is no shortage of Gas & Oil in this country, force them to open all the Shut-In Wells. Also enclosed you will find a copy of a letter, stating that Mitchell Energy Corp. can't find a Market for their Gas. They are cheating everyone, the people, the state, and the nation, and getting away with it. It is high time something was done to stop these thieves. If Mitchell can get away with Fraud, Forgery, theft, and every dirty deal under the sun. Our Justice isn't Blind, it is crooked! What are you going to do about it? You will also find a Newspaper clipping, Southwest Gas & Pipeline is one of George Mitchell's many subsidiaries. My husband's Social Security payments does not pay for our utilities.

We want to know your stand on the Price Control on the Well head before the New York City Democratic Convention, we want to know your true feelings and we want a promise what you intend to do to bring these thieves to justice. Please send us your reply, we the people need to know before it is too late. We can't take another 4 years of this RIP OFF!

Thank you, best WISHES FOR THE TRUTH!

Sincerely,


Florence P. Weseman



Ken Vauthier
District Landman
Exploration Drilling Production

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(See p. 2))

May 6, 1976

Mr. Glen Loyd
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Re: Florence P. Weseman
Parker County, Texas

Dear Mr. Loyd:

This letter is in response to a letter dated April 8, 1976 and April 10, 1976 received by you from Mrs. Florence P. Weseman. Due to the fact her letters merely make statements and accusation representing a very broad spectrum of problems, I am only going to respond to what I consider the major issues raised by her various letters. For your information, I am enclosing copies of a November 20, 1975 and a September 24, 1974 letter from Mrs. Weseman all concerning the same problem.

Mrs. Weseman's main complaint seems to be she feels the lease was fraudulently taken by George W. Gage. For your further reference I am attaching a copy of the lease executed by Florence Weseman and her husband. As can be seen the lease appears regular on its face. If there was any fraud in taking the lease it does not appear on the face of the lease. Quite possibly she is confused in that this company took an assignment from George W. Gage of this lease. I am also attaching a copy of this assignment. George W. Gage does not work for GM & A Gas Products Plant, Inc. (a subsidiary of Mitchell Energy Corporation) nor does he have any affiliation with the Corporation, other than being a broker in an area in which the Corporation is active. The Coke Gage referred to in Mrs. Weseman's letter is the father of George W. Gage. Coke Gage is the Mayor of Decatur, Texas.

The well in question was completed on July 10, 1974 and shut-in the same day waiting a connection by the purchaser. Since the well was shut-in, pursuant to the terms of the

Mr. Glen Loyd
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lease, this company made shut-in payments to the unit royalty owners including Mrs. Weseman. In this respect, I should point out that the corporation has spent \$113,487.92 drilling the well, and as yet have not recovered any of these drilling or equipping costs. The corporation at this time is making a diligent effort to find a market for its gas.

The Corporation has not heard from either Mrs. Bonnie Strickland or Mr. & Mrs. R. B. Sebring with respect to any fraudulent oil and gas lease taken by George W. Gage nor with regard to any other problem they might have with the corporation. The Stricklands and the Sebrings accepted and cashed their shut-in royalty payment checks. With respect to Mrs. Dora Lee Hutchison's lease, said lease expired by its own terms in July of 1974.

I think it can be seen by the materials furnished for your review that the corporation is not attempting to hide anything. Nor do we feel that Mrs. Weseman has been defrauded by the corporation in any respect. She may be unhappy with the terms of her oil and gas lease or the fact that the well is not at this time producing, but that is something that is beyond the control of the corporation.

With respect to the other accusations, they are of such a nebulous nature that I cannot respond to them. However, the Corporation is conducting its business as a prudent operation and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Texas Railroad Commission.

Very truly yours,

Kenneth C. Vauthier

Kenneth C. Vauthier
District Landman, North Texas

KCV: jel
cc: Florence P. Weseman
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Springtown, Texas 76082

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Florence P. Weseman
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June 16, 1976

60 Minutes, C.B.S. News Broadcast
524 West 57th Street
New York City, New York 10019

Gentlemen:

I am addressing this letter to all three of you, in hope of one, or it may take all three of you to break the biggest Rip Off the entire country is confronted with. Better known in Texas as the Gas & Oil Rip Off!

The Oil & Gas producers have brainwashed this entire country in believing there is a shortage of Oil & Gas. This shortage will end the minute the price control is lifted. If you want proof, we can supply it to you, with all the Shut-In Wells, both Oil & Gas wells around here. Please note: in the letter dated May 6, 1976 The corporation at this time is making a diligent effort to find a market for its gas. They have most of the Wells Shut-In holding out for higher prices. We who live in Texas are paying these obscene prices for our utilities, because Texas is under the Gas & Oil producers control. That is how the politicians get to be elected to their offices, it is Oil & Gas money that pays for their campaigns. The Governor promised the Oil & Gas producers that there will be no price control of either Gas or Oil on the Well Heads in Texas.

For years the Oil & Gas producers cheated the land and mineral rights owners out of their rightful share of the production. They stop at nothing, I have proof of Fraudulent leases, three others plus myself are unfortunate victims of. They switched leases on us, forged signatures on a lease, had a Notary put her seal on leases which she did NOT witness anyone of us signing. Enclosed you will find letters that are self explanatory. Let me explain, when we first discovered the fraud I wrote, and wrote, and wrote to Mitchell Energy Corp. demanding a release from the fraudulent lease. I have never received a reply from them. Yet they claim they attempted to work out our differences. That is a Lie! I don't know how they can without ever answering me. The very first reply that was ever made was to Mr. Glen Loyd. After I've given up writing to Mitchell Energy Corp. I started to write to everyone else. The F.B.I. informed me it was an intrastate matter, that I should contact the Texas Attorney General, the Attorney General suggested the Railroad Commission, the Railroad Commission suggested the D.A., the D.A. sent me back to the Attorney General's office, then I wrote to Glen Loyd, in Dallas, Texas, he wrote to Mitchell Energy Corp., and to the Texas Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's Office. I placed a complaint with them. I never asked them to represent us as an attorney, but I have asked them to investigate prosecute them on charges of Fraud, and Forgery, you can read their reply.

George Mitchell is the largest Independent Gas & Oil producer in this part of the country, some of his known subsidiaries are M.& M. Drilling Co., Mitchell & Mitchell, George Mitchell Associates, Mitchell Enterprises, Mitchell Energy Corp., Southwest Gas & Pipeline, and many others that I don't know their names, these are just a few that I happen to know of.

George Mitchell has producing Oil & Gas Wells which are reported with the Railroad Commission as Dry Holes, I can prove it. He has cheated one party out of \$39,000.00 worth of production, there is a case that will go to court soon.

The Tri-County Electric Coop. buys their power from the Brazos Electric Power Co. The Brazos had a contract with Southwest Gas & Pipeline, (Mitchell), when Southwest Gas & Pipeline informed Brazos that they can Not honor that contract they had. Brazos was going to sue Southwest Gas & Pipeline, when they discovered they couldn't find another supplier, they were forced to renegotiate at a much higher rate, and our electric bills are sky high. It has gone up 300%. We live on a farm, we can't irrigate, I've cut down on everything even my cooking, I try to cook outside whenever I can.

60 Minutes, C.B.S. News
New York City, New York
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If you note they claim that they have sent us Shut-In Royalty payments. We have all the mineral rights to our 122.22 acres, each year they send us a check for the sum of \$81.82 per year, which I have returned every check they sent. I have never accepted one cent from Mitchell Energy Corp. for that fraudulent lease, and don't intend to. Mrs. Strickland has never received a cent, she is a widow. They let Mrs. Hutchison's lease expire when they realized that we were aware of the forgeries. Mrs. Hutchison is a widow one forgery is that of a minor child, she was out of town July 3, 1973, another daughter was in the hospital having a baby, July 3, 1973, neither did her other two children sign anything. None of us appeared before Patsy Mara in Decatur, Texas in Wise County to sign anything. Yet her Notary Seal is on all the leases dated July 3, 1973 recorded in the Parker County Court House. The Sobrings are in their 80's Mr. Sobring is very ill, needs constant care. I would have had to hire an ambulance to take my husband to Decatur, Texas for Patsy Mara to witness his signature, which I did not do. My husband is 75 years old had strokes in 1970 and 1972 he had a great deal of Brain damage, he can not talk, read, write, his entire right side is paralyzed, he needs constant care, I can not leave him alone. These are the people those parasites prey upon.

None of us can afford an attorney that can not be bought off by Mitchell. That is what usually happens when someone sues him.

I know you are wondering what I am asking of you! Investigate, I'll give you the proof and others will too. We will take Ide detector tests, and make George Gage do the same, he was Mitchell's Broker, but most of all publicize this RipOff. It may prevent these Texas Sheiks from taking over the entire country, they have a good hold on it right now, and are bleeding all of us. Please, please help us! If this is not brought to the attention of the public they have no idea what the Gas & Oil producers are doing to the people. I honestly believe the News Media, you three wonderful reporters can stop this Rip Off.

Incidentally, June 14, 1976 Jimmy Carter had a fund raising dinner in Dallas, Texas at a \$1,000.00 per plate, and raised \$250,000.00, I bet they will do their best to get him to remove the price control on interstate Gas & Oil, if he is elected. I'm sure he is not that foolish not to realize what these Texas Sheiks are paying him for. I wonder if he realizes how the people feel, or if he cares

That is why I am asking for your help!

Thank you!

Sincerely yours,

Florence P. Mesoman

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San Francisco, July 19, 1976

Mr. Jimmy E. Carter,
Candidate to the Presidency of the United States
Mr. Walter F. Mondale,
Candidate to the Vice Presidency of the United States,
Plains, Georgia

Gentlemen:

Whether this letter can be used as an appeal or as an advice, it will depend on the attitude the reader wants to approach it. I do not know how well you have been or will be informed regarding your foreign policy towards Latin America; if you know as much as your history of sociology profesors in this subject I must say you know little and if on top you rely on the advice of your Ambassadors, most of them of nixonian mentality, then you are doom for big contrasts and blunders likewise the well intentioned J.F. Kennedy.

Something I know for sure is that you are sincere in your efforts to 'restore decency', that you want to be fair and want to 'restore' your country away from the corruption and decay that is presently undergoing. However there is nothing good or bad that goes on in your country that is not simultaneously reflected in Latin America; contrary to such naive remark that claims 'non-interference in the life or affairs of other nations', the U.S. has practically managed our destinies from the second after we got rid of the spaniards, one and half century ago. Therefore any good intention on your part to 'invest in people rather in weapons', to act in behalf of those 'who have too little' or to act in behalf of the 'dignity of work', should also reflect in behalf of the oppressed millions of fellow Latin Americans, who, because of your Ambassadors' advice, have lived for many years under the worst repression ever, only similar to that of Franco's Spanish model.

It is in your hands Gentlemen to be 'compassionate' and fair with the miners who for many decades have supplied your industries with tin, copper, silver etc., with the semi-slaves who have fed you with fruits, coffee, tobacco etc., and who are making an average of twenty dollars a month and have to live with U.S. consumer prices for goods imported. Each time these workers ask for more pay they have to face machine guns supplied by your generals in agreement with our generals. If any political leader would pronounce only one percent of the wording you have used in your conventions, he can be shot on the spot under such misleading excuse of attacking terrorism or protecting the existing law and order.

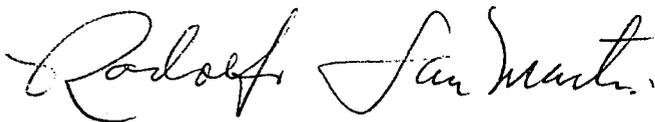
We need big and deep reforms. Those reforms will affect U.S. multinational corporations-that is, the ones that have 'too much'- and if you considers yourselves not committed to servitude to them, then there is not fear to protect the millions of starved in Latin America. Your economic and technical assistance has only been enriching our oligarchies; the U.S. taxpayer is being cheated because he is patronizing the tyrants in power and the american people wants the people of Latin America enjoy the pleasures of democracy and freedom because we are as 'peaceful and compassionate' as you are.

Your evils are very much the same as our evils because we are both victims of the greediness of monopoly capitalism; at least you have some anti-trust laws. Whenever we want to promulgate one such law, your marines are ready to jump on us and I am sure neither one of you believes any longer on that type of strategy in foreign policy. In fact you are right in stating that you can run this country with only good 'common sense' because most of the economist's predictions and graphs have proven to be a big flop. We don't need 'economic curbes' to tell us that the money invested in tanks or jets is wasteful and instead decent homes should be built to replace the tin shacks of the miners of Bolivia. But we know that those tanks and jets have a purpose; they are useful to massacre strikers whenever they ask for more bread. And it was the Nixon administration the most eager to finance it because one Vietnam was not enough. The 'anti-communist' slogans used by our generals to justify their presence in power can only convince the ultra-conservatives or the para-military elites of your country but not to the people who are going to vote for you in November.

Gentlemen, I wanted to be as sincere and honest with you as I think you were with your people on July 15th. That is why I am writing this letter. Be careful on the Latin American issues because the Republicans will love to push you into controversial dialogue. One slip by you and you will face demonstrations against you in Panama or Venezuela; but will not be demonstrations against individuals, instead against your national symbols, and this will surround the U.S. nation with those who have proclaimed 'territorial sovereignties' e. i. Panama, and you will face plain defeat.

I believe in violence when all the steps to call for justice have been exhausted. This is one modest step to help my people and I am far to give up for further peaceful appeals to whomever wants to listen me, so long as I trust in the goodwill of those I appeal to hear me.

Yours Very Truly,



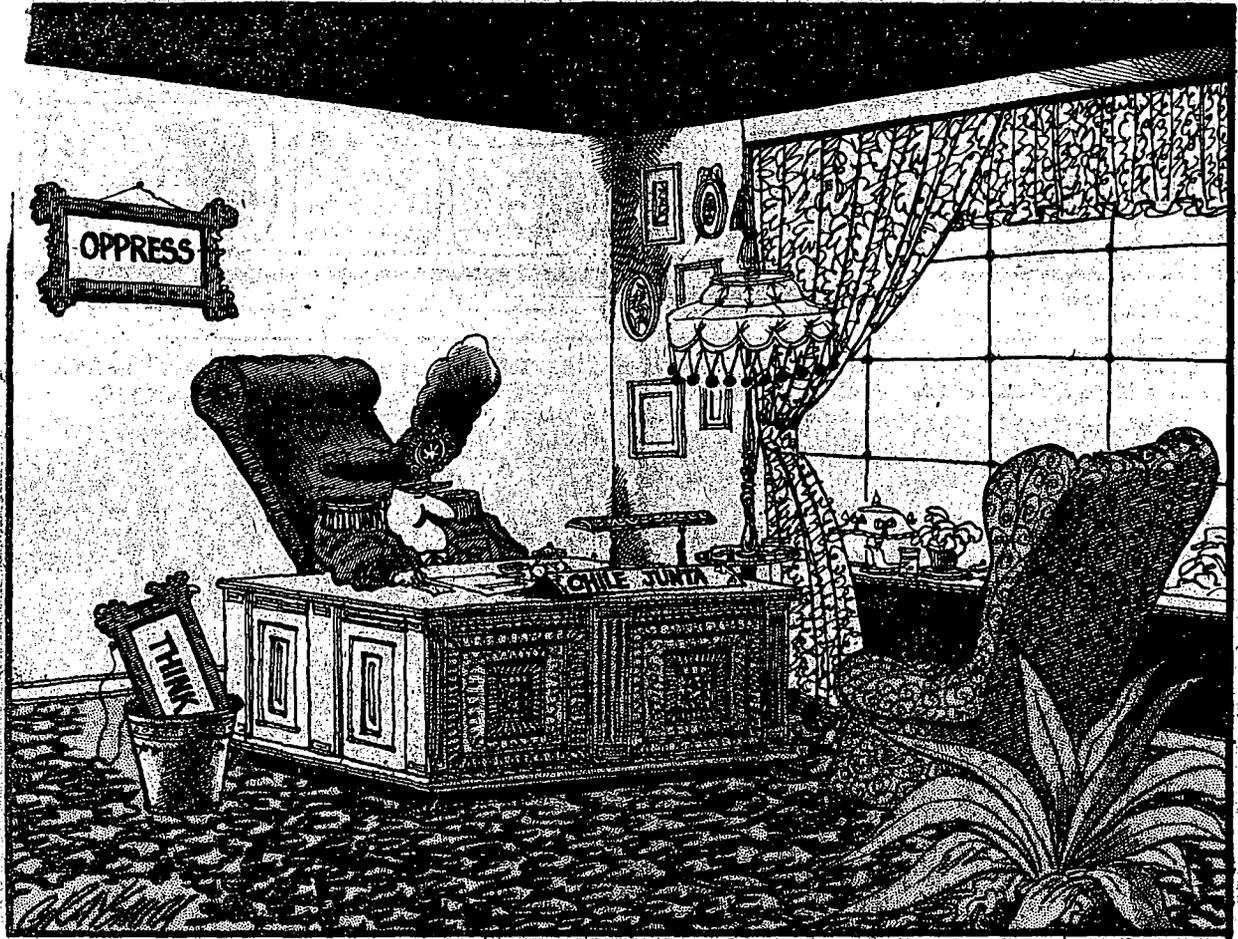
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"BANANA NATION"

Monday, July 19, 1976



A. A. and M. M. Kelleher

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Dear Governor Carter:

We were stunned to hear on TV that the Platform of the Democratic National Committee approves amnesty for all who refused to serve in Viet Nam.

The enclosed copy of a speech by Vice Admiral Isaac Kidd, Jr made in 1969 should make the members of the platform committee reconsider. HOW can men ever be expected to answer a call to serve their country if the cowards and slackers of the sixties are accorded as much respect as those who served, many of whom bear scars yet.

Sincerely yours,

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Admiral Talks 'With the Bark On'

Excerpts of a speech given recently to the Jacksonville (Fla.) Reserve Officers Association by Vice-Adm. Isaac Kidd Jr. of the United States Navy.

SEVERAL YEARS AGO, during the Supreme Court fight, Vice-President John Garner was called to the White House for his views. He said, "Chief, do you want it with the bark on or off?"

Gentlemen, I am going to try to give you a little look into my business today with the bark on. I think you can take it and from what I read many need it.

Few organizations can so justifiably be proud of great contributions to the fabric of American life as can you. And few can be so proud of the kind of vigilance that has characterized the patriotic devotion to the quality of Americanism today.

If significant measure, you in this distinguished group and organizations such as yours can take credit for the spirit and success of a great nation determined to maintain its greatness and contribute to the cause of peace throughout the world.

SO AT THE very beginning, I want to extend my personal thanks for your many contributions to our Navy, to a truly wonderful nation, and I want to commend you for so selflessly responding to the needs of our country.

We have much going for us in this country, and it is perhaps well to remind

ourselves of this from time to time. For example, in the next year alone:

- More than 195 million Americans will not be arrested.
- More than 115 million individuals will maintain a formal affiliation with some religious group.
- More than 2 million teachers and professors will not strike.
- More than 8 million of our young men will serve honorably in the armed forces of our country—active and reserve.

Of these, three million young Americans are in uniform right now—a uniform which is a new-found target for neosubversives who deal in discredit—our Navymen and Marines number in the neighborhood of a million.

I know you will share my feelings if I say that they represent one million reasons for saying that we have a lot going for us.

WHETHER IT is in Vietnam, or in our outstanding Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean, I am able to state unequivocally that we have the finest group of young people in the services today that we have ever had in our history.

We ask more of them than ever before: Intelligence—technical knowledge—and education.

Their duties require not only skill—but great courage and stamina to do the difficult job which they perform as a matter of routine.

To me, these young men represent the

most important of our national resources and this causes me to make a sobering observation: To my knowledge, for the first time in our history American fighting men are facing challenge without the usual cheers; making the sacrifice without the usual home-front support; performing service which is being derided rather than dignified.

As active, dedicated Americans, which you are, I know these matters are of the gravest concern to all of you—as they are to me and my associates in the Navy.

I recognize that "good news is no news" on many of the mass media's yardstick for events and circumstances which capture the public's attention.

Bad news, too often, attracts the headlines, as do difficulties rather than achievements, and controversy rather than resolution.

Let me cite one of the many such examples. Some weeks ago, we saw much about the number of servicemen who chose to absent themselves in the course of a year without authority to do so.

What emerged was a sensational disclosure that, in effect, American military morale was suspect—that the disenchantment resulting from Vietnam was infecting the armed forces.

NO SENSATIONAL disclosure was made, however, of the unclassified and readily available facts that:

- Less than 5 per cent of the U.S. servicemen ever go AWOL.
- Ninety-nine point nine per cent of our men in uniform do not seek asylum in Sweden.
- Since September of 1965 to the present, some 47,000 Navymen have volunteered for duty in Vietnam.
- Since September, 1966, 100,000 Navymen stationed in Vietnam have voluntarily extended their tours for six months or longer.
- Thirty-three thousand of our incomparable Marines in Vietnam have done the same.

In my opinion, we sell ourselves short by the mysterious affinity we have for focusing on the bad, the bizarre and the big. The bigness of defense, as you know only too well, is a key topic at the present time. Yet, in most of what I see or hear, very little is based on what I would call a reasonable perspective.

In too many instances, we hear that defense has "got out of hand"—that it is too large and far too costly. Maybe this is so—if you like to lose. In my business though, there are no prizes for second place.

What is overlooked or ignored is that we are very much involved in a war—one we did not start—and that its cost is somewhere in the area of \$30 billion annually.

In the face of this, another fact is to be counted: Defense gets approximately the same share of the federal budget today that it got 10 years ago.

The \$78-billion arms budget for this fiscal year represents 43 per cent of government spending. Ten years ago (FY 1960), the arms budget was \$43 billion, representing 47 per cent of government spending.

Popular belief and lip service notwithstanding, the plain fact is that our national investment in security is 4 per cent smaller than it was during a time of relative peace.

ANOTHER FACT to be counted lies in the defense cut of the budget related to the gross national product. It represents about 10 per cent of the total spent on all U.S. goods and services; which, coincidentally, is about the same percentage Americans spend annually on all forms of insurance protection.

It might be noted that the Soviet Union spends 16 per cent of its gross national product on its armed forces.

What follows here is a passing reference to the so-called existence of an evil military-industrial complex. Based on the figures just cited—and the floating Navy's declining material condition which is well known to you—if the cabal does exist, we should undertake to fire a few people at the top. Whoever they are, they have failed to earn their keep.

How Necessary?