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August 15, 1974

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Dear Reg:

Thank you for your letter of August 7. I share your concern that our nation develop a coherent policy to control inflation without increasing unemployment. I am enclosing several issue analysis papers which may be of interest to you.

I hope you will continue to let me have the benefit of your thinking.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Carter

JC/scg  
Enclosure

Steve  
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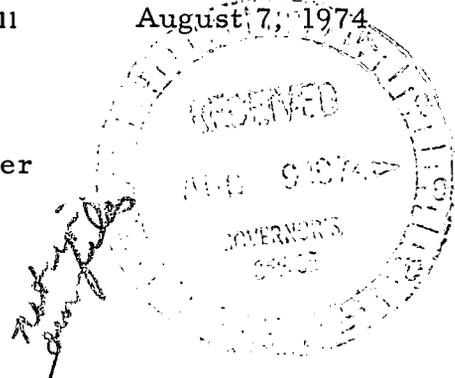
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My dear Governor Carter:

I have your good letter of July 23 asking me to help identify those areas which I feel need to be addressed to political candidates this year. First, let me emphasize that Kiwanis International is not politically oriented in any way and what I am about to say merely reflects my own personal thinking.

The following is a list, not necessarily in appropriate order, of the areas which give me particular concern.

1. Inflation. ✓
2. Constantly increasing taxes at all levels; including social security. ?
3. The constantly growing bureaucracy with its inevitable impact on all phases of our daily lives -- forms, reports, regulations, etc. (The difficult-to-comprehend form 1040 is a case in point.) The tax and legal consultants a businessman must hire just to stay out of trouble constitutes a real drain on his capacity to be effective. ✓
4. Worry about the increased cost of medical care - and the fact that provident retirement plans can be greatly diluted by erosion of the dollar. ✓
5. Worry about some of the things that government can't do, but maybe good leadership can -- restore the desirability of pride in workmanship; restore pride in the nation, its tradition, its past, its accomplishment -- the good things about it; to the extent that its possible, a return to the basic values which, in the end are the only really workable principles of human organization.
6. Worry over increasing centralization of government -- combined with the costliness of old-fashioned over-organization. We don't need all decisions made in Washington. Nor do we need to continue to pay for multiple police forces, court systems, road systems, school systems and the like in counties and townships designed to meed the needs of "horseback days."

7. Worry over energy -- there must be a reconciliation between the demands of the environmentalists and the economic and raw-materials facts of life, or we will suffer, not only from a basic energy shortage, but from a food and clothing shortage, too.
8. Worry over lawlessness -- crime in the streets; the danger of nighttime.
9. Worry over so-called tax reforms which are really only the renewed old attacks on profit, dividends, capital gains -- the American business system itself. All stockholders are assumed by legislatures, apparently, to be multimillionaires. In actual fact, they are almost everybody - they are pension funds, banks, and insurance companies - meddle with them too much and irrevocable ruin could occur.

I trust that these comments will be helpful to you as we all look forward to the building of a better America each day of our lives.

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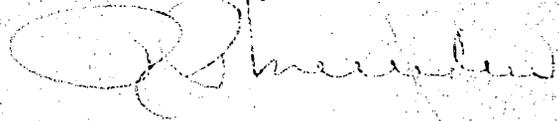
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