Why Not the Best? Info, 11/76

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TO JC
FROM MAXIE

NOVEMBER 19, 1976

AT BOB LIPSHUTZ'S SUGGESTION, JOHNNY GODWIN FROM BROADMAN CALLED ME TODAY. HE NEEDS A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION FOR THE INAUGURAL EDITION OF WHY NOT THE BEST?:

1) IN AUGUST HE SUGGESTED THAT AN UPDATE CHAPTER BE ADDED, BUT THERE WAS NEVER ANYONE AUTHORIZED TO WRITE IT. HE SUGGESTS THAT IT CAN BE DONE IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:
   A) YOU WRITE IT YOURSELF (BUT IT MUST BE COMPLETED SOON IN ORDER TO GO TO THE PRINTERS)
   B) ROSALYNN WRITE IT
   C) YOU DESIGNATE SOMEONE TO WRITE IT (SUCH AS PAT)
   D) GODWIN WRITE IT (HE WOULD NEED TO INTERVIEW YOU IN ORDER TO DO THIS)

WHICH DO YOU PREFER?

2) THE INAUGURAL EDITION WILL BE A SPECIAL HARDBACK EDITION WITH A NEW COVER AND OTHER SPECIAL FEATURES, BUT HE ALSO WANTED TO KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE REALLY SPECIAL, LIMITED EDITION, NUMBERED COPIES FOR SELECT FRIENDS, RELATIVES, ETC. IF YES, HOW MANY?

3) HE ALSO NEEDS A SIGNATURE TO REPRODUCE FOR COVER; PAPER ATTACHED.
Epilogue

Nov 20, 1976

Thirty

After 38 primaries, twenty-two
months of campaigning, almost 500,000
miles of travel around our nation, a

Democrat

I wrote this book at the beginning of a long and sometimes
difficult campaign. The campaign was over and I

have been elected President of the United
States. It has not been an easy
two years, but there has never been a
time when I thought I would

lose. The people of America have
received me and my family well,
with friendship and support. Two

thousand members of volunteers joined
me during the primaries and the general election. We
have
traveled about one half million miles, entered
thirty primaries, and made hundreds of
speeches. But it has never been an ordeal
nor have we ever considered it to be
a sacrifice. All of us have learned a
lot about our country, and love and
respect it more than ever.

Several books have been written
about me, and others are now
being published about our campaign. I
do not intend to write such a book,

although a book of my speeches will be published.
I wrote "Why Not the Best?" at the beginning of what I knew would be a long and sometimes difficult campaign for the Presidency. That campaign is over now and I have been successful. It has not been an easy two years but I never became discouraged because I never lost faith in either the political process or the people of this country.
Seen, political

Historic events have occurred, but
The basic themes which I expressed in my
"early chapters" then back two years ago have changed
very little. My acceptance speech at
The Democratic convention is a good
summary of my feelings about our
country and its future. It is an
appropriate epilogue to this

(Acceptance Speech)

Thomas Carla
November 20, 1976
I WROTE THIS BOOK AT THE BEGINNING OF WHAT I KNEW WOULD BE A LONG AND SOMETIMES DIFFICULT CAMPAIGN FOR THE PRESIDENCY. THAT CAMPAIGN IS OVER NOW AND I HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL. IT HAS NOT BEEN AN EASY TWO YEARS BUT I NEVER BECAME DISCOURAGED BECAUSE I NEVER LOST FAITH IN EITHER THE POLITICAL PROCESS OR THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY.

THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA HAVE RECEIVED ME AND MY FAMILY WELL, WITH FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT. TENS OF THOUSANDS OF VOLUNTEERS JOINED AND WORKED WITH US DURING THE PRIMARIES AND THE GENERAL ELECTION. I HAVE TRAVELED ALMOST ONE-HALF MILLION MILES, ENTERED THIRTY PRIMARIES, AND MADE ABOUT TWO THOUSAND SPEECHES. BUT IT HAS NEVER BEEN AN ORDEAL NOR HAVE WE EVER CONSIDERED IT TO BE A SACRIFICE. ALL OF US LEARNED A LOT ABOUT OUR COUNTRY, AND LOVE AND RESPECT IT MORE THAN EVER.

SEVERAL BOOKS HAVE BEEN WRITTEN ABOUT ME, AND OTHERS ARE NOW BEING PUBLISHED ABOUT OUR CAMPAIGN. I DO NOT INTEND TO WRITE SUCH A BOOK, ALTHOUGH EXCERPTS FROM MY SPEECHES WILL BE PUBLISHED SOON.
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BASIC THEMES WHICH I EXPRESSED IN EARLY CHAPTERS OF THIS
BOOK HAVE CHANGED VERY LITTLE. MY ACCEPTANCE SPEECH AT
THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION IS A GOOD SUMMARY OF MY FEELINGS
ABOUT OUR COUNTRY AND ITS FUTURE. IT IS AN APPROPRIATE
EPILOGUE TO WHY NOT THE BEST?

"MY NAME IS JIMMY CARTER . . . . (ACCEPTANCE SPEECH)."

NOVEMBER 20, 1976