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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  
July 12, 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
FROM: JERRY RAFSHOON
SUBJECT: The Speech

I have gone over your draft with the speechwriters and we have these comments:

1. On the quotes: The first set of quotes is very powerful; the second and fourth are also good. We suggest:
   a. That you combine the energy and economic analyses clusters into one, and make the resulting cluster short.
   b. That the quotes in that resulting cluster be selected to say things you want to get across to the American people.

2. On the energy portion:
   a. Rather than saying at the beginning (p. 6) that we may make mistakes, I suggest you only emphasize boldness and innovation.
   b. The section needs either a series of brief, clear specific directives and proposals ("I will propose..." "I will direct..."

   or

   a more explicit summary of categories of effort to be outlined the next day, e.g., "I will propose a series of steps designed to increase conservation, step up domestic production, and unleash the unlimited creativity, ingenuity and enterprise of America to find and develop alternative sources of energy."

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(The objective is to assure people that you are ready to take decisive energy actions so that they will pay close attention to the larger issues you wish to discuss.)

3. The phrase at the top of page 8 is correct, but the way it is stated might minimize the importance of the war on the energy problem. You should consider saying that meeting the threat to America requires a successful war on the energy problem -- but more, because the threat is deeper than energy alone.

4. On p. 12, having deleted most the harsh criticisms of society, is it still valid to say you have "sounded a warning in the harshest of terms?"

5. On p. 14, where you're talking about the generation we are, you could add that we are the generation that will win the energy war.

Energy will be the test of our ability to unite, but it will also be the standard around which we will unite. On the battlefield of energy, we can rally our nation to a new confidence that we can seize control of our common destiny.

6. The speech lacks reference to governmental or Presidential actions that will be taken as a result of the Camp David reflections -- it needs a stronger sense of your response to what you have heard and learned.

If this is the route you want to go, I suggest you go over this draft again, return it to me Friday and let me edit your draft.

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It is our task to commit ourselves to a renaissance of America, a rebirth of the American spirit. With a common faith, we cannot fail.
On the fourth of July, I cancelled what would have been my fifth speech to you on energy. If I had given
that speech ten days ago, I would have described the problem and laid out a series of legislative recommendations to the Congress.

But as I reflected on what I might say to you, I realized that the problems are much deeper — deeper than gasoline lines, deeper than energy shortages, deeper even than inflation or recession. And I realized that more than ever, I need your help.

So I decided to reach out and listen to the voices of people from America. I brought to Camp David leaders of almost every
segment of our society -- businessmen and labor; leaders, teachers and religious leaders; governors and mayors; and private citizens.

Then I left Camp David to seek out and listen to other Americans who must be a lot like each of you. It has been an extraordinary ten days, and I want to share what I have learned with you.

I am now more convinced than ever that legislation alone, programs alone cannot fix what's really wrong with America.

Tonight I must speak to you about the real threat to the survival of American democracy.

I do not mean our political and civil liberties. They endure. Indeed they flourish. And I do not mean the outward strength of America, a Nation strong and at peace tonight everywhere in the world; with an economy, a freedom and a military might that are unsurpassed.
The threat I see is nearly invisible in ordinary ways. But when we step back and look at the texture of our national life, that threat comes sharply into focus.

The threat that haunts America today is a crisis of confidence. It strikes at the very heart, soul and spirit of our Nation. We can see it in a dwindling belief in a significant meaning for our individual lives; and in a decline of unity of purpose for our country.

The erosion of confidence in the future is destroying the social and political fabric of our America. I regard that erosion as the most dangerous of the many perils which confront America.

Confidence in the future has always been the very bedrock of our national life. It is the faith that has forged the links between generations. We have always believed in something called "progress" -- the conviction
that the days of our children would be better than our own. Now our people are losing that faith -- not only in government itself, but in their own ability as citizens to be the ultimate rulers and shapers of our democracy.

As a people, we knew our past and were proud of it. It flowed without break into the living stream of the American present and the American future. That certainty strengthened us in our purpose. But just as we are losing our confidence in our future, we are closing the door on our past.

The virtues of hard work, strong families, close knit communities and faith in God find fewer defenders. Too many have come to worship self-indulgence, escapism and over consumption.

Too many have embraced the creed of "me first, me last and me always."
We know in our hearts that this is not the kind of nation we want to be. Yet disturbing symptoms are all around us.

Two-thirds of our people do not vote. Millions of young people do not even register.

Personal borrowing has reached astronomical proportions, as if we must satisfy every impulse today as though there were no tomorrow. A nation whose touchstone was building for the future now has the lowest rate of savings in the Western world.

Productivity growth has almost halted. Never have so many worked as long to produce so little. We have been stealing from the future to satisfy the craving of the present. Charity declines as self-interest rises. And as we lose touch with our sense of community, we find it ever
easier to turn away from the poor, the sick, and the old among us.

This is not a message of comfort. This is not a message of reassurance. But it is the truth, and it is a warning.

These things did not happen overnight. They have come upon us gradually, over two decades through an exhausting route of assassinations, war, uncertainty, and deceit.

We were sure we would always be a nation of the ballot, not the bullet -- until the murders of John Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, Martin Luther King, and others.

We were taught that our armies were always invincible and our causes always just -- only to suffer the agony of Vietnam.

We respected the Presidency as a place of honor --
until the profound trauma of Watergate.

We saw our currency as strong and our economy as stable. We thought that persistent inflation was a disease inflicted only on countries far away. And we remember when "sound as a dollar" was a byword for dependability.

We were comfortable in the belief that our resources were limitless -- until the shock that has come with our dependence on foreign oil.

These wounds are very deep. They have barely been acknowledged. They have never been healed. They have engendered a crisis of confidence in our democracy that is little understood by our government.

The people, losing their vision, turned to the government for sight. But the government, ravaged by the same forces and traumas, was unable to respond.
A people looking for a way out of this crisis of the spirit have found instead a Federal government isolated from the mainstream of their country's life.

A people seeking participation and yearning to be heard have found a Federal government that is a self-perpetuating empire. A people searching for a definition of the future have been met with a government whose horizons are measured by the next election. A people wanting to be healed have too often been given only the conventional responses of government -- the passage of a bill, the establishment of a program, the increase of a budget.

The gap between our citizens and their leaders may never have been so wide. The American people see a Congress twisted and pulled in every direction by hundreds of well-financed and powerful special interests. They see every extreme position imaginable defended almost to the
Tonight is an anniversary for me.

Three years ago -- on July 15, 1976 -- I accepted the nomination of my party to run for President of the United States. I promised you a President who is not isolated from the people, but who feels your pain and shares your dreams and takes his strength and his wisdom and his courage from you. During the past three years, I have spoken to you on countless occasions. I have talked about many national concerns -- the energy crisis; reorganizing the government; our Nation's economy and issues of peace and war -- and peace.

But over those last three years, the subjects of the speeches, the talks and the press conferences have become increasingly narrow. The words have come to be almost always about what they call in Washington "the issues." Gradually, almost imperceptibly, you have heard more and more about what the government is or should be doing -- and less and less about our hopes, our dreams and our vision of the future.
(Ten days ago, I had planned to speak)

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segment of our society -- business and labor; teachers
and preachers; governors, mayors and private citizens.

Then I left Camp David to seek out and listen to other
Americans who must be a lot like each of you. It has been
an extraordinary ten days, and I want to share with you
what I have learned.

First of all, I got a lot of personal advice. Let
me quote a few of the typical comments:

"Mr. President, you're not leading the nation -- you're
just managing the government."

"You don't see the people enough anymore."

"Some of your Cabinet members are not loyal. There is
not enough discipline among your disciples."

"Don't be a professor or a preacher, just talk to the
American people."

(End of transcribed text)
"Don't talk about politics or the mechanics of government, but about an understanding of the common good."

"We're in trouble."

"Talk to us about blood, sweat and tears."

"The President should feel humility, not talk about it."

"America is a nation with the soul of a church."

"If you lead, Mr. President, we will follow."

(---and the condition of our nation:)

Many people talked about themselves:

"Some of us have suffered from recession all our lives."

"I feel so far from government.

"The ordinary citizen is excluded from political power."

"We've got to stop crying and start sweating; stop talking and start walking; stop cursing and start praying; the strength we need will not come from the White House, but from my house."

"We American Jews have got to do something about the Palestinian refugees."
"With nuclear weapons, we're the first generation to know we may be the last."

There were complicated economic analyses, and some simple ones.

"Some have wasted energy, but others haven't had anything to waste."

The big shots are not the only ones who are important. You can't nothing be sold on Wall Street unless someone sells anything digs it up somewhere.

"The American cup will not always run over."

He talked a lot about the condition of our nation:

"We are confronted with a moral and spiritual crisis."

"No material shortage can touch the important things, like God's love for us and our love for one another."

"We are overly intimidated by a cynical press."
"We Americans don't like to be victims -- that's why it's so hard for us to face the facts about energy."

"We can't go on consuming 40 per cent more energy than we produce."

"The energy crisis can help us learn to use all the gifts of nature with a more becoming frugality that will reflect our own dignity and our love of creation."

(NOTE: First two quotes from Rabbi Tannenbaum; second from Cardinal Cooke.)
Several of our discussions were on energy, and I have a notebook full of comments and advice:

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"When we import oil, we're also importing oil plus inflation plus unemployment."

"The Middle East has 5% of the world's energy, the United States her 24%.

(neck is) "Our [vital organs] stretched over the fence, and the people our neighbors in OPEC have the knife."

"The fibre of our nation has not been damaged or even threatened."

"Staying home every now and then may remind us of the blessings of our family."

"There will be other cartels and shortages. American courage can set a path now to follow in the future."
As President, I listen to the wisdom of the American people. But I also know that government actions and legislation are important. That's why I made sure that we took the necessary steps to try and put my campaign promises into law. We have had mixed success. But I have come to realize that all the legislation in the world can't fix what's wrong with America.

So I will speak to you tonight about a subject even more serious than energy inflation, or the strategic arms limitation treaty.

Instead, I want to talk to you about the fundamental threat to the survival of American democracy.

I do not mean our political and civil liberties. They will endure. Indeed, they flourish. And I do not refer to the outward strength of America, a Nation that is tonight at peace everywhere in the world; with an economy, a freedom and a military might that is the envy of all.

The threat that I see is nearly invisible in ordinary ways. It is a crisis of confidence. It is a crisis that
strikes at the very heart, soul, and spirit of our national will. This crisis can see in the dwindling belief in a significant meaning to our lives, the decline in unity of purpose for our Nation. The erosion of our confidence in the future is destroying the social and political fabric of our America.

The confidence we have always had as a people is not simply some romantic dream, or a proverb plucked from a dusty book used on the Fourth of July. It is the idea which has founded and defined our existence and progress as a Nation. Confidence in the future has justified, explained and supported everything else — public institutions and private enterprise, our own families and our very Constitution of the United States.

Confidence has defined our course as a Nation and forged the links between generations. We have always believed in something called progress; a faith that the days of our children would be better than our own. Our people have lost that faith — not only in government itself, but in their own ability
as citizens to serve as the ultimate rulers and shapers of our democracy.

As a people, we know our past and are proud of it. The progress we had made part of the living history of America.

We believed we were part of a great movement of humanity called democracy, involved in the search for freedom -- and that belief strengthened us in our purpose. But just as we are losing our confidence in the future, we are also closing the door on our past.

A Nation that was proud of hard work, strong families, close knit communities and supported by a faith in God has become a people that worships leisure, mobility and consumption. Human identity is no longer defined by what a man does, rather by what he can amass.

We have discovered that acquiring and consuming do not satisfy our longings for meaning. We have learned that incredible success in producing material goods cannot fill the emptiness of lives without purpose.
The symptoms of this crisis are all around us.

For the first time, a majority of our people believe that the next five years will be worse than the past five years.

Two-thirds of our people do not vote.

American productivity is actually dropping, and the willingness of Americans to save for the future has dropped below all other people in the Western world.

There is growing disrespect for government, and the virtues of hard work, strong families, close-knit communities and faith in God find fewer defenders. Too many have come to worship escapism and self-indulgence.

(NOTE: this is partly a rearrangement—the starred Ps are new.)
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These changes did not happen overnight. They have come upon us gradually, over the last two decades -- years that were filled with shocks and tragedy.

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and our causes always just -- only to suffer the agony of Viet Nam.

We respected the Presidency as a place of honor -- until the shock of Watergate.

We remember that "sound as a dollar" was an expression of dependability -- until ten years of inflation began to shrink our savings.

We believed that our resources were limitless -- until 1973 when we realized our dependence on foreign oil.

These wounds are very deep. They have never been healed. (And the government has never faced up to the need for healing. That neglect has completely failed to... they have caused a crisis of confidence in our democracy.)

Looking for a way out of this crisis, our people have found a Federal government isolated from the mainstream of our nation's life. [Focused only on programs and budgets, our government has failed to impart a vision of the future.]
The gap between our citizens and our government has never been so wide. No sense of how it would work -- and no sense of whether it would work -- and no sense of whether it would succeed.

The American people are looking to their government for honest answers -- not false claims, not evasiveness, not politics as usual -- but for clear leadership. What they often see in Washington and elsewhere is a system of government which seems incapable of action. They see a Congress twisted and pulled in every direction by hundreds of well-financed and powerful special interests. They see every extreme position imaginable defended to the last breath, almost to the last breath, by one unyielding powerful group or another. They often see a balanced and fair approach that demands sacrifice, a little sacrifice from everyone, abandoned like an orphan without support and without friends. Often they see paralysis, stagnation, and drift. The American people don't like it, and neither do I.

We debate the issues as if the shocks and turbulence of this decade and the last had never come to pass.

We simply must have faith in each other, faith in our government, and faith in the future.
Restoring that faith and confidence to America is the most important task each and every one of us faces tonight -- it is the true challenge of this generation of Americans.

We know the strength of America. We are the heirs of generations who survived threats much more powerful and awesome than those that challenge us now. We are the heirs of men and women who shaped a new society during the great Depression; who fought world wars and carved out a new charter of peace for the world. We are the Americans who only ten years ago put a man on the moon. We are the generation that dedicated our society to the pursuit of human rights and equality. And we are the generation in that process rebuild the faith and confidence of America.

We are at a turning point in our history.

There are two paths to choose. Energy will be the test of our ability to unite, but it will also be the standard around which we rally. On the battlefield of energy, we can win for our nation a new confidence that we can seize control of our common destiny.
is the path that leads to false freedom)

One path is that of fragmentation and self-interest.

Down that road lies the illusion of freedom -- the right to grasp for ourselves some advantage over others.

But (That path is one of constant reality of endless conflict between narrow interests, ending in chaos and immobility. (It is the route to failure).

All the traditions of our past -- all the lessons of our heritage point the other way to the road we listen to the voice of our nation's spirit -- a voice of common purpose, more powerful than all the calculations of economists or battle plans of generals.

Our strength is in our confidence and in our human values. If we neglect these, we may empty our treasuries and summon all the wonders of science; but we will act in vain.

All the traditions of our past -- all the lessons of our heritage -- all the promises of our future -- point to another path -- to the path of common purpose and the restoration of our
(That path leads to liberty.) 

values. Let us walk together -- with strength and courage, and conviction and confidence.

Let us walk to freedom.

Let me close by quoting one of our fellow countrymen who came to help me at Camp David this past week:

"Mr. President, it is an exciting time for an American to be alive."

Energy

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In little more than two decades, we have gone from a position of energy independence to one in which almost half the oil we use comes from foreign sources -- at prices that are going through the roof. Our dependence on OPEC has already taken a tremendous toll on our economy and our people. It is the direct cause of the long lines which have made millions of you spend countless frustrating hours waiting for gas. It is the cause of the increased inflation and unemployment we now face. This intolerable situation threatens our economic independence and the very security of our nation.

The energy crisis is real. It is worldwide. It is a clear and present danger to our nation. These are facts -- and we simply must face them.

What I have to say to you tonight about energy is
clear and simple -- and vitally important.

Point one. I am tonight setting a clear goal for the energy policy of the United States. Beginning this moment, this nation will never use more foreign oil than we did in 1977 -- never. From now on, every new addition to our demand for energy will be met from our own production and our own conservation. The generation-long growth in our dependence on foreign oil will be stopped dead in its tracks, right now -- and then reversed as we move through the 1980's. For I am tonight setting the further goal of reducing our dependence on foreign oil by one-half by the end of the next decade -- a saving of over 5 million barrels of imported oil per day.

Point two. To insure that we meet these goals, I will use my Presidential authority to set import quotas. I am announcing tonight that for 1979 and 1980, I will forbid the entry into this country of one more drop of foreign oil.
more than these goals allow. These quotas will insure a reduction in imports even below the ambitious levels I agreed to at the Tokyo Summit.

Point three. To achieve our goals, I am asking for the most massive peacetime commitment of funds and resources in our nation's history to develop America's own alternative sources of fuel -- from coal, from shale, from plant products from unconventional gas, from solar. I propose the creation of a [publicly chartered] Energy Security Corporation to lead this effort with a goal of 3 million barrels per day within a decade. Just as a similar synthetic rubber corporation helped us win World War II, so too will we mobilize American determination and know-how to win the energy war. Moreover, I will soon submit legislation to Congress calling for creation of this nation's first Solar Bank -- which will help us achieve the crucial goal of 20 per cent solar energy by the year 2000. These efforts will
cost money -- but it will be money well spent. Unlike the billions we ship abroad to pay for foreign oil, these funds will be paid by Americans to Americans. They will go to fight inflation and unemployment -- not fuel them.

Point four. I am asking Congress to mandate -- to require as a matter of law -- that our nation's utilities cut their massive use of oil by 65 per cent within the next decade and switch to other fuels, especially coal, our most abundant energy source.

Point five. To make absolutely certain that nothing stands in the way of achieving these goals, I will urge Congress to create an Energy Mobilization Board which, like the War Production Board in World War II, will have the responsibility and authority to cut through the red tape, delay, and endless hurdles which now cripple our nation's ability to complete critical energy projects.
Point Six. I am proposing a bold conservation program in which every state, county, and city, and every American citizen can -- and must -- participate if we are to win our energy battle. This program will permit everyone to make investments in conservation in their homes and apartments at prices they can afford. I ask Congress to give me authority for mandatory conservation and standby rationing. To make it easier for each of you to conserve, I am proposing an additional $10 billion over the next decade to strengthen our public transportation systems.

And I am asking you for your own good and for your nation's security, to take no unnecessary trips, to carpool or use public transportation whenever you can, to drive 15 miles less per week, to lower your thermostats. Each such act of energy conservation is also an act of common sense and patriotism which will allow our nation to meet the goals I have set forth.

But sacrifice must be fair to the poorest among us -- so I will triple the resources we will make available to
help low income Americans cope with rising energy prices.

We have grown used to thinking of conservation only in terms of sacrifice. In fact it is the most direct and immediate way of re-building our nation's strength.

Every gallon of oil each one of us saves is a new form of production -- it gives us that much more freedom, that much more control over our own lives.

So the solution to our energy crisis can also solve the crisis of the spirit about which I earlier talked. It can rekindle our sense of unity, of confidence about the future. It will shake us from our malaise and pessimism and give us a sense of purpose. We will solve our energy problem and in turn we will solve the broader crisis of America. We have the natural resources -- more shale oil than several Saudi Arabias, more coal than any nation on earth -- we have the world's highest level of technology -- we have the most skilled work force and the innovative
genius -- and we have the national will to solve the problems which beset us.
Three years ago tonight -- on July 15, 1976 -- I accepted the nomination of my party to run for President of the United States. I promised to be a President close to the people -- a President who feels your pain and shares your dreams and joins his strength and his wisdom and his courage with yours. In these three years, I have spoken to you many times. I have talked about many national concerns -- the energy crisis, reorganizing the government, our Nation's economy, and issues of peace and war.

But the subjects of the speeches, the talks and the press conferences have become increasingly narrow. The words have come to be almost always about what Washington defines as "the issues."

Gradually, you have heard more and more about what a few public officials are or should be doing -- and less and
less about America's hopes, dreams and vision of the future.

My proposals to the Congress tomorrow will complete my action on every legislative proposal in this book of campaign promises. But the one promise I have failed to keep is not in this book -- it is the promise I made in my acceptance speech and a hundred times during my campaign -- the promise to describe for you and carry forward the vision of this Nation that I hold in my heart.

I want to begin to redeem that promise tonight.

I am speaking with you about our Nation in a time of crisis. I have sounded a warning in the harshest of terms -- terms not often used by a President.

It is important to understand that I do not speak from hopelessness or despair.
I speak this way because it is the truth, and we must understand the truth if we are to build the future in the shape that you and I have shared and talked about in the past.

Only by facing up to the truth -- about my Presidency and about our Nation -- can I redeem that promise I made three years ago tonight.

[You have a right to expect the truth.

It is distortion and deception and it is the proclamation of hopes as realities and illusions as facts that are destroying the confidence of America.]

In a time of shadowy dread and fear, of growing anger and frustration -- the only firm ground on which we can regroup and rebuild our confidence is the plain truth about ourselves. And that lack of confidence can make failure
inevitable. For Presidents and Congresses don't solve problems by themselves. People do -- by working with common purpose within the society toward universal goals.

Without faith in our ability to shape our future, we can have no shared national purpose, no sense of common effort in pursuit of common objectives.

Restoring that faith and confidence to America is the most important task each and every one of us faces tonight -- it is the true challenge of this generation of Americans.

We know the strength of America. We are the heirs of generations who survived threats even more powerful and awesome than those that challenge us now. We are the heirs of great men and women who shaped a new society during the great Depression; who fought world wars and carved out a new charter of peace for the world. We are the Americans who only ten years ago put a man on the moon. We are the genera-
tion that dedicated our society to the pursuit of human
dreams. And we are the generation who will
rebuild the faith and confidence of America.

These are not random, scattered dreams. Our history
is full of consistent proof of what can be accomplished by
people united in confidence and inspired by a common
purpose.

Because the truth is that not only does our nation
face great dangers -- but we possess the strength to meet
those dangers.

We can restore our confidence and our sense of a
future worth fighting for.

We can revitalize our values. We can turn again to
the honorable concept of work as pride; to a belief in
We are at a turning point in our history, now.

There are two paths to choose.

One path is that of unrestrained self-interest. Down that road lies the illusion of freedom -- and the reality of fruitless conflict between narrow interests, ending in chaos and immobility.

But there is another path -- and we will choose it if we listen to the voice of our Nation's spirit -- a voice more powerful than all the calculations of economists or battle plans of generals.

Our strength is in our spirit and in our values. If we neglect them, we may empty our treasuries and summon all the wonders of science; but we will act in vain.

All the traditions of our past -- all the lessons of
our heritage — all the promises of our future — point
to the path of common purpose and the restoration of our
values. Let us walk that road with strength and courage.

Let us walk to freedom.

Let me close by quoting one other average American citizen who came to help me at Camp David this past week:

"Mr. President, it is an exciting time for an American to be alive."
First of all, I got a lot of personal advice. Let me quote a few of the typical comments:
Mr. President,

You're not leading the nation... just managing the govt.

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We are confronted with a moral and spiritual crisis.

No material shortage can touch the important things, like God's love for us and our love for one another.

We're still a blessed nation; we cannot turn to anyone.

We are overly intimidated by a cynical press.

We must avoid any concept of a second-rate power.
Several of our discussions were on energy, and I have a notebook full of comments and advice.

We are importing oil plus inflation plus unemployment.

The Middle East has 57% of the world's energy, the U.S. 2%.

Our vital organs are stretched over the fence, and our neighbors in OPEC have the knife.

The fibre of our nation has not been damaged or even threatened.

Staying home every now and then may remind us of the blessings of our family.

There will be other cartels and shortages. American courage can set a path we need to follow in the future.

Let us covenant together, we are on earth to share, not to grab and waste.

We must deal with the energy problem on a war footing.

The real issue is freedom.

Willing for defense, but not one cent for tribute.

Be bold! We may make mistakes, but we must experiment.

Mr. President,

When we enter moral war, don't issue B-52 guns.
Tomorrow, in Kansas City, I will present in
detail a sound energy program for the Congress and
for the people of America. I will not issue
88 guns. My proposals will be bold, and we
may make some mistakes. I will not let oil
rise between now and 1985, after which the
tremendous strength and technology of our nation
will drive imports down. Our national security
will be protected; our economy can stay strong.
Conservation,
Coal, solar, and the production of new synthetic
fuels will provide the way. This massive
national effort to achieve energy security will
be expensive, costing perhaps $100 billion in the
next decade. First, unlike payments for foreign
oil, these funds will not flow out of our
country, but will be paid by Americans to Americans.
Federal government money will come from the windfall profit tax on oil. This will, indeed, be money well spent.

I am calling for a mobilization of America will and genius and doing as great an effort which put our men on the moon -- but with a major difference. Most of us participated in the moon program only as taxpayers, but in reaching the goal of energy security, every person in our land can participate every day.
But I am convinced that even a bold and successful war on the energy program problem will not meet the real threat to our way of life. It is not the enemy, but a sickness at the heart of our society. I do not mean the joblessness, the poverty, the rapidly rising cost of living, the decline of our social and economic institutions. These are symptoms of a larger problem. The real threat is the sickness of the human spirit. The threat which haunts us is a crisis of confidence. It can strike at the very heart and soul of our country. This lack of confidence in the future causes a decline of unity among our people, a dwindling belief in the significance of our individual lives, a loss of faith in government and other institutions — the family, churches, schools,
The free enterprise system, ethical and moral standards.

The willingness of Americans to save for the future has dropped, dramatically. For the first time a majority of our people believe that the next five years will be worse than the last five years. American productivity is actually dropping. Two-thirds of our people do not vote.

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This is not a message of confidence or reassurance, but it is the truth and it is a warning.
These changes did not happen overnight. They have come upon us gradually, with more than five years of inflation and a growing energy shortages, just the latest factor over the last two decades.

We were sure ours was a nation of the ballot, not the bullet—until the murders of John Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, and Martin Luther King, Jr.

We were taught that our armies were always invincible and our leaders always just... only to suffer the agony of Viet Nam.

We respected the Presidency as a place of honor... until the shock of Watergate.
We remember that "sound as a dollar" was an expression of dependability — until ten years of inflation began to shrink our savings.

We believed that our resources were limitless — until 1973 when we realized our dependence on foreign oil.

These wounds are very deep. They have never been [completely] healed. They have caused a crisis of confidence in our democracy.

Looking for a way out of this crisis, our people have found a federal government isolated from the mainstream of our nation's life.
As President, I share in that failure.

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Our country is in trouble and I need your help

The real issue is freedom

Millions for defense, not one cent for tribute

While we enter moral war, don't issue as guns

Most experiment, they make mistakes

Blood, sweat & tears

First priority - oil from coal (agreement)

More on Canadian gas pipeline

More on Mexican gas contract

Set quota for '85, '90 - then go positive

Eliminate delays, red tape

Rationing authority vs. decentralized

Complete Sobio pipeline

National Energy Mobilization Board

Set conservation goal for every agency
Let's assess energy data, productivity

Accelerate federal leasing

After 1985, cut imports 10%/year

Coal seams gas now being vented

EPA may ban diesel engine, cost 25% efficiency

Need intermittent standards on clean air

Consider govt as single purchasing agent for oil

Show compassion, concern about poor

Admin filled with people who don't agree - president

Poor nations flattered by OPEC

Let state ename standards not > 40% (16 mbd)

Explore horizontal diversification in energy

Maintain stability of economic policy

Must encourage savings

Need home fuel oil rebate (tip)

Need to bust the meat distributors
Productivity of US workers highest in the world

US govt deficits are lowest

Best long term investment (in 80's) will be in US

Force development of field energy concessions

Bob Bellah said use the word "covenant"

There on earth to share, not grasp & waste

No material shortage can touch the important things like God's love for us or our love for one another

We're still a blessed nation... don't turn to anger

Time of our nation not damaged or even threatened

Need to revive our joy in producing, sharing, giving

Staying home may remind us of family blessings

Let ethics, morality guide technology

We're overly intimidated by a cynical press

First generation which knows it may be the last

There will be other shortages, cartels... setting path

Speak to sustainability of earth & society.
We've controlled other's lives > OPEC controls ours

Time to address problems as positive challenge

> Handicap should lead to sharing, caring for others

> Not politics, mechanics, but understanding of common good

> Avoid any concept of a 3rd rate power

> Some have wasted, others have suffered in want

> Pres. should feel humility, not talk about it

> Don't be a lecturer, not a preacher, just talk to the American people.

> America as a nation with the soul of a church

Each Governor create "Impact Assault Team"

> It is an exciting time to be alive

We can no longer depend on increased oil production

> We're importing oil plus inflation plus unemployment

> Must deal with energy problem on a war footing

> Get a Cabinet out of Washington for next 2 months

Non-politическим way to certify energy facts
Some have suffered from recession all their lives

"Can't nothing happen on Wall St. unless someone "liss' up something" somewhere."

Say where we're going, today-- not how or when.

We are confronted with a moral & spiritual crisis.

The Middle East has 46% of world's energy, the US 2%.

We American Jews must do something about the Palestinian refugee.

Stop crying & start sweating. Stop talking & start walking.
Stop cursing and start praying. The strength we need will not come from the White House but from my knee.

The American cup will not always run over.

The ordinary citizen has been excluded from political power.

Our vital organs are stretched over the fence, and our neighbors in OPEC have the knife.

The media present as political choices the current state of Washington gossip.

You have very little discipline among your disciples.

You don't see enough of the nation.
Mr. Pres., you're not leading this nation -- you're just managing the govt.

You don't see the people enough anymore.

Some of your cabinet members don't seem loyal. There is not enough disciplining among your disciples.

Don't talk to us about politics or the mechanics of govt', but about an understanding of the common good.

Mr. Pres., we're in trouble. Talk to us about blood, sweat & tears.

If you lead, Mr. Pres., we will follow.
1. I feel so far from GOVT. I feel like ordinary people are excluded from political power.

2. Some of us have suffered from recession all our lives.

3. Some people have wasted energy, but others haven't had anything to waste.

4. No material shortage can touch the really important things, like God's love for us and our love for one another.

5. The big shots are not the only ones who are important. Remember, you can't sell anything on Wall St. unless someone digs it up somewhere else first.
② We're confronted with a moral and spiritual crisis.

③ We can't go on consuming 40% more energy than we produce.

④ When we import oil, we're also importing inflation plus unemployment.

⑤ We've got to use what we have. The A.E. has only 5% of the world's energy, but the U.S. has 34%.

⑥ Our neck is stretched over the fence, and OPEC has the knife.
There will be other cartels & other shortages. An. wisdom & courage now can set a path to follow in the future.

Be bold. Mistakes. Experiment.

The real issue is freedom.

War footing.

BB guns.

Crying/Sweating = Talking/Walking = Cursing/Praying.

Not with every node.

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