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SPEECH OUTLINE

Introduction

1. Three years ago tonight, accepted nomination for President. Elected on a promise of closeness to the people. Still feel that closeness -- but subjects of speeches, debates, etc. have become too narrow. I have spoken too much about what the government should be doing -- important as that is -- and not enough about our hopes, values, dreams, vision of the future.
2. I had planned 10 days ago to talk to you about energy for the fifth time -- and, as I have before, to describe the problem and to lay out a series of legislative recommendations.
3. But as I reflected on what I might say to the American people, I realized that the problem is deeper -- deeper than gas lines, deeper than energy shortages, deeper even than difficult problems of recession and inflation of which energy is a major cause.
4. In the last 10 days I spent many hours in reflective conversation with leaders of our society from labor, business, universities, religious, etc., and then with ordinary people. It has been an extraordinary ten days, and I want to share the results of those conferences with you.
5. My conversations have convinced me that we face a greater threat than the energy shortage. So I will speak to you tonight about the fundamental threat to the survival of American democracy.

What's wrong. The definition of the crisis -- catharsis.

1. Our political and civil liberties are secure and flourish. We are a strong nation at peace everywhere in the world.
2. The threat is nearly invisible in ordinary ways. The threat is a crisis of confidence.
3. Crisis can be seen in decline in unity of purpose for the Nation. The erosion of our confidence in the future is destroying the social and political fabric of America.

4. Why is confidence important? It has defined our course as a nation and forged the links between generations. We have always believed in progress; a faith that the days of our children would be better than our own. We are in danger of losing that faith in tomorrow. We have lost our pride in the past.

5. 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.

6. Consuming doesn't fill emptiness of lives. Rather than a generation that builds for the future, we have become the "me generation" -- "me first, me last and me always." We have come to believe we deserve an easy life.

7. Symptoms: non-voting, non-participation, personal debt, low productivity, selfishness, fear, anxiety, lack of a sense of connection between our individual lives and the past and future of the country.

8. The crisis began in the 1960's, with the assassinations of President Kennedy, Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King. It worsened with the terrible war in Vietnam, deepened with the revelations of Watergate, was fueled by the onset of persistent inflation and came close to the flash point when the energy shortage emerged. We were masters of our own destiny, now fearful of the future. Turning inward to find answers. Healing of America's wounds has never occurred.

9. Government has not changed to reflect the deep seated crisis. Acts as if one more program or rule will fix America.

10. Special Interest State. Americans looking for honest answers and clear leadership find system incapable of action; Congress twisted and pulled; extreme positions defended; sacrifice abandoned like an orphan.

11. People seeking participation find government is a self perpetuating empire. Horizon measured by next elections.

12. Government has become increasingly irrelevant to people. They look for leadership and see that government has failed.

13. Mea Culpa. I share in this failure. In concentrating too hard on trying to be the manager of the government, I have neglected my role as leader of the Nation. I have solved important problems; taken action on all campaign promises, but neglected the promise of my acceptance speech -- to describe the vision of the future.

14. I have not pretended there are easy answers. The people have right to be told truth, because only people can solve problems ... not Presidents or Congresses by themselves. All too often, people are told distortions or even lies. It is that deception that destroys confidence.

Without a faith in the ability of our citizens to shape their future, there can be no shared national purpose, no sense of a common effort in pursuit of common objectives.

I regard the erosion of that faith in our future as the most dangerous of the many perils which confront America.

Reasons for hope

1. I asked for this time with you tonight because I wanted to speak to you about our Nation in a time of crisis. I have sounded the warning in the harshest of terms -- terms not often used by national leaders in talking to their citizens.

But it is important to understand that I do not speak from hopelessness or despair. I have described the crisis and sounded the warning because our future will equal the promise of the past only if we heed the warning and change our course.

2. We must hear and understand the truth, because cannot change what we do not understand.

3. I know the strength of America. Our models can be ourselves ... we are the people who shaped new society during Depression; brought world peace; went to moon. These were not random events. Show what united nation can do. We are still such a nation.

What's to be done?

1. Restore confidence. Need renaissance of America, rebuilding American spirit first.

2. Revitalize our values. We must return to the honorable concepts of work -- belief in community. The "me" generation should become the "we" generation.

We have been living on the moral capital of our religious traditions, but we have failed to replace it with a consensus of moral and spiritual values for today. Our Nation was founded on moral and ethical principles -- on human dignity and human rights, the expectation of good and the condemnation of wrong. We ignore these basic fundamentals at our peril.

3. Must regenerate our sense of national purpose.
4. Our government must change.

Commitments to Action

1. As your President, I promise that I will be the leader of the Nation, protect national interest, not act as "broker" between special interests.

-- I will continue to work to open up the government so it reflects these principles. But I will reach out beyond government; meet with people and leaders, like at Camp David.

-- I know the need for boldness and freshness in our approach to the future. And I will be coming to you in the next months with proposals, actions and plans. Some will involve the government -- many will not. Because the public life of America involves more than the government.

2. A President can point the way. A government can propose programs. But success can come only from the commitment of the people.

Energy

1. The first great test is energy. Other shortages.
2. The crisis is real. The shortages are real. Our dangerous dependence on OPEC is real. This is the truth -- and we must face it.
3. Energy can be the cutting edge of an American renaissance. As we free ourselves from bondage to the oil cartel, we also free the strength and spirit of America.
4. Detail energy program tomorrow. Tonight, in broad strokes, sketch out goals and how we achieve them.

5. Goals: Imports in 1985 no greater than in 1977; one-third reduction in imports by 1990. In the past, U.S. more dependent each year. In the future, more independent and stronger each year than the year before.

6. Methods: Massive conservation (standby rationing), massive production (cut red tape), massive effort to unleash American technology and innovation to develop alternatives (synfuels, solar). Backed up by Presidential quota authority.

7. Equity: burden falls on those who heat with oil, the poor, the old. Share that burden. Mass transit.

8. Calling for mobilization of American will and daring as great as moon program, but with far wider impact and participation. Individual acts of conservation are acts of patriotism.

Conclusion

1. We will succeed if we remember the principles that speak to us across the centuries.

2. (Tannenbaum material).

3. We must not break faith with those who came before us. They and their courage brought us to this crossroad in our history.

4. One path is that of unrestrained self interest. Down that road lies the illusion of freedom -- an illusion that ends in conflict, chaos and ultimately tyranny.

5. All the traditions of our past -- all the lessons of our heritage -- point the other way, to the road of common purpose. Those who tread that road will do so in strength and confidence. They will walk to freedom.

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I. APPROACH

1. Do not hide fact that prospects for the economy and energy are somber.
2. Err on the side of pessimism - then you can take credit for all future improvements.
3. Alert people that:
 - a. Economy may be in downturn (mild recession) for 3-4 quarters.
 - b. Inflation will remain high until 1980.
 - c. Blame it on OPEC "taxing away" \$58B & \$70B this year, and next, respectively.
4. Then, issue challenge (and hope):
 - a. This is a crisis.
 - b. This is test of American will.
 - c. This is challenge to our country - to all countries.
 - d. You are determined to meet it with bold actions: not by printing money "to validate" OPEC inflation.
not by massive spending programs or big tax cuts which make problem worse in future.
but by: asking all to tighten belts and investing to make us less dependent on OPEC
investing to make us more efficient and expand our capacity to produce
investing to increase our productivity
investing to export more competitively.
5. For this, you need cooperation and united national effort almost like national emergency, with help from:

Congress

Labor

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Business
Consumers.

II. ENERGY

1. You call on Congress without delay to:
 - a. Pass tough windfall profits tax - we need revenues for
R&D
alternate fuels
synthetics
to help poor
 - b. Give you stand-by rationing authority - now
2. You will use other Windfall Tax proceeds for additional means
to:
improve use of energy
try other substitute proposals
3. You call for:
Independent Government authority for synthetics production
Crash Program
Major goals: 1 million BBS 1990
 2 " " 1995
Major proven business executive in charge
Power to deal with all impediments to effective speed
(See attached blueprint)
4. You will eliminate gas lines - by
 - a. End allocation system.
 - b. End price controls (virtually no country keeps price of gasoline down artificially)

You will help poor people more
others will have to sacrifice
but we will consume less
and we will end the lines

5. You set up Advisory Council on Energy
to find other ways of saving energy and substituting for oil
to help advise on implementation of above program

III. ECONOMY

1. Facts: OPEC price increases mean:
High inflation
Low growth (and some decline) this year and into next.
2. Your program:
Belt tightening for consumers
We save and invest - rather than spend.
3. Means:
 - a. You appoint top level advisory council of
Congress
Labor
Business
Consumers
to work with you (EPG):
 - b. Overall coordination strongly in hands of EPG.
 - c. We make voluntary guidelines work - no controls
 - d. We develop "productivity legislation" for next January
(taxes, regulations, etc.)
 - e. We develop crash program to expand exports - to pay for
OPEC oil

4. No big spending programs.

Budget as balanced as possible.

No tax cuts till '81 - then possibly:

payroll tax cuts

tax cuts to accelerate depreciation

write off and speed new investment

Some added help for lowest income groups.

THIS IS A SPECIAL
NIGHT FOR ME. EXACTLY
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 -- WHO FEELS
YOUR PAIN AND SHARES
YOUR DREAMS AND DRAWS
HIS STRENGTH AND HIS
WISDOM FROM YOU.
DURING THE PAST THREE
YEARS, I HAVE SPOKEN
TO YOU ON MANY
OCCASIONS ABOUT
NATIONAL CONCERNS --
THE ENERGY CRISIS;
REORGANIZING THE
GOVERNMENT; OUR
NATION'S ECONOMY AND

ISSUES OF WAR --
Especially
AND PEACE.

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BUT OVER THOSE
YEARS, THE
SUBJECTS OF THE
SPEECHES, THE TALKS
AND THE PRESS
CONFERENCES HAVE
BECOME INCREASINGLY
NARROW, FOCUSED
MORE AND MORE ON WHAT
THE ISOLATED WORLD OF
WASHINGTON THINKS IS
IMPORTANT. GRADUALLY,
YOU HAVE HEARD MORE
AND MORE ABOUT WHAT
THE GOVERNMENT THINKS
OR WHAT THE GOVERNMENT
SHOULD BE DOING --
AND LESS AND LESS
ABOUT OUR NATION'S
HOPES, OUR DREAMS AND
OUR VISION OF THE
FUTURE.
TEN DAYS AGO,

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I HAD PLANNED TO
SPEAK TO YOU AGAIN --
ABOUT A VERY IMPORTANT
SUBJECT -- ENERGY,
FOR THE FIFTH TIME,
I WOULD HAVE DESCRIBED
THE URGENCY OF THE
PROBLEM AND LAID OUT
A SERIES OF
LEGISLATIVE
RECOMMENDATIONS TO
THE CONGRESS. BUT AS
I WAS PREPARING TO
SPEAK, I BEGAN TO ASK
MYSELF THE SAME
QUESTION THAT I KNOW
HAS BEEN TROUBLING
MANY OF YOU: WHY
HAVE WE NOT BEEN ABLE
TO GET TOGETHER AS A
NATION TO RESOLVE OUR
SERIOUS ENERGY
PROBLEM? IT IS CLEAR
THAT THE TRUE PROBLEMS
OF OUR NATION ARE

MUCH DEEPER --

DEEPER THAN GASOLINE
LINES OR ENERGY
SHORTAGES, DEEPER EVEN
THAN INFLATION OR
RECESSION. AND I
REALIZED -- MORE THAN
EVER -- THAT, AS
PRESIDENT, I NEED
YOUR HELP.

SO I DECIDED TO REACH
OUT AND LISTEN TO
THE VOICES OF AMERICA.

I INVITED TO CAMP
DAVID PEOPLE FROM
ALMOST EVERY SEGMENT
OF OUR SOCIETY --
BUSINESS AND LABOR;
TEACHERS AND PREACHERS;
GOVERNORS, MAYORS AND
PRIVATE CITIZENS. THEN
I LEFT CAMP DAVID TO
LISTEN TO OTHER
AMERICANS --

MEN AND WOMEN LIKE
YOU. IT HAS BEEN AN
EXTRAORDINARY TEN
DAYS, AND I WANT TO
SHARE WITH YOU WHAT
I HAVE HEARD.

FIRST OF ALL, I GOT A
LOT OF PERSONAL
ADVICE. LET ME QUOTE
A FEW OF THE TYPICAL
COMMENTS: (A Gov.)

"MR. PRESIDENT,
YOU'RE NOT LEADING
THIS NATION -- YOU'RE
JUST MANAGING THE
GOVERNMENT."

"YOU DON'T SEE THE
PEOPLE ENOUGH
ANYMORE."

"SOME OF YOUR
CABINET MEMBERS DON'T
SEEM LOYAL. THERE IS
NOT ENOUGH DISCIPLINE
AMONG YOUR DISCIPLES."

"DON'T TALK TO US

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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."

"IF YOU LEAD, MR.

PRESIDENT, WE WILL

FOLLOW."

MANY PEOPLE TALKED

ABOUT THEMSELVES --

AND ABOUT THE

CONDITION OF OUR

NATION:

"I FEEL SO FAR FROM

GOVERNMENT. I FEEL

LIKE ORDINARY PEOPLE

ARE EXCLUDED FROM

POLITICAL POWER."

"SOME OF US HAVE

SUFFERED FROM

RECESSION ALL OUR

LIVES."

(chicano)

"SOME HAVE WASTED

ENERGY, BUT OTHERS

HAVEN'T HAD ANYTHING

TO WASTE." (Religious)

"NO MATERIAL SHORTAGE

CAN TOUCH THE

IMPORTANT THINGS, LIKE

GOD'S LOVE FOR US AND

OUR LOVE FOR ONE

ANOTHER." (BW-Miss)

"THE BIG SHOTS ARE NOT

THE ONLY ONES WHO ARE

IMPORTANT. YOU CAN'T

SELL ANYTHING ON WALL

STREET UNLESS SOMEONE

DIGS IT UP SOMEWHERE

ELSE FIRST."

"MR. PRESIDENT, WE ARE

CONFRONTED WITH A MORAL

AND SPIRITUAL CRISIS."

SEVERAL OF OUR

DISCUSSIONS WERE ON

ENERGY, AND I HAVE A

NOTEBOOK FULL OF

COMMENTS AND ADVICE:

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"WE CAN'T GO ON
CONSUMING 40 PER CENT
MORE ENERGY THAN WE
PRODUCE."

"WHEN WE IMPORT OIL,
WE'RE ALSO IMPORTING
INFLATION PLUS
UNEMPLOYMENT."

"WE'VE GOT TO USE WHAT
WE HAVE. THE MIDDLE
EAST HAS ONLY FIVE
PER CENT OF THE
WORLD'S ENERGY, BUT
THE UNITED STATES HAS
24 PER CENT." (U.I.V.I.D.)

"OUR NECK IS
STRETCHED OVER THE
FENCE, AND O.P.E.C.
HAS THE KNIFE."

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"THERE WILL BE OTHER
CARTELS AND OTHER
SHORTAGES. AMERICAN
WISDOM AND COURAGE NOW
CAN SET A PATH TO

FOLLOW IN THE FUTURE."

"BE BOLD, MR.

PRESIDENT! WE MAY
MAKE MISTAKES, BUT WE
ARE READY TO

EXPERIMENT." (heart)

"THE REAL ISSUE IS
FREEDOM."

"WE MUST DEAL WITH
THE ENERGY PROBLEM
ON A WAR FOOTING."

"WHEN WE ENTER THE
MORAL EQUIVALENT OF
WAR, MR. PRESIDENT,
DON'T ISSUE US BB
GUNS."

WHAT I HEARD OVER
THESE TEN DAYS
CONFIRMED MY BELIEF
IN THE DECENCY AND
STRENGTH AND WISDOM
OF THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE. BUT IT ALSO
BORE OUT SOME OF MY
LONG-STANDING CONCERNS

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ABOUT OUR NATION'S
UNDERLYING PROBLEMS.
I KNOW, OF COURSE,
THAT GOVERNMENT
ACTIONS AND
LEGISLATION CAN BE
VERY IMPORTANT. THAT'S
WHY I HAVE WORKED HARD
TO PUT MY CAMPAIGN
PROMISES INTO LAW --
AND WITH MIXED SUCCESS.
BUT AFTER LISTENING TO
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
I HAVE BEEN REMINDED
AGAIN THAT ALL THE
LEGISLATION IN THE
WORLD CAN'T FIX WHAT'S
WRONG WITH AMERICA.
SO I WANT TO SPEAK TO
YOU FIRST TONIGHT
ABOUT A SUBJECT EVEN
MORE SERIOUS THAN
ENERGY OR INFLATION. I
WANT TO TALK TO YOU --
RIGHT NOW --

ABOUT A FUNDAMENTAL
THREAT TO AMERICAN
DEMOCRACY.

I DO NOT MEAN OUR
POLITICAL AND CIVIL
LIBERTIES. THEY WILL
ENDURE. AND I DO NOT
REFER TO THE OUTWARD
STRENGTH OF AMERICA,
A NATION THAT IS AT
PEACE TONIGHT
EVERYWHERE IN THE
WORLD; WITH UNMATCHED
ECONOMIC POWER AND
MILITARY MIGHT.

THE THREAT 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.

WE CAN SEE THIS CRISIS

IN THE GROWING DOUBT
ABOUT THE MEANING OF
OUR OWN LIVES AND IN
THE LOSS OF A UNITY OF
PURPOSE FOR OUR NATION.
THE EROSION OF OUR
CONFIDENCE IN THE
FUTURE IS THREATENING
TO DESTROY THE SOCIAL
AND POLITICAL FABRIC
OF AMERICA.

THE CONFIDENCE WE HAVE
ALWAYS HAD AS A PEOPLE
IS NOT SIMPLY SOME
ROMANTIC DREAM, OR A
PROVERB IN A DUSTY
BOOK THAT WE READ ON
THE FOURTH OF JULY.
IT IS THE IDEA WHICH
FOUNDED OUR NATION AND
HAS GUIDED OUR
DEVELOPMENT AS A
PEOPLE, CONFIDENCE
IN THE FUTURE HAS

SUPPORTED EVERYTHING
ELSE -- PUBLIC
INSTITUTIONS AND
PRIVATE ENTERPRISE,
OUR OWN FAMILIES AND
THE VERY CONSTITUTION
OF THE UNITED STATES,
CONFIDENCE HAS DEFINED
OUR COURSE AND SERVED
AS THE LINK BETWEEN
GENERATIONS. WE HAVE
ALWAYS BELIEVED IN
SOMETHING CALLED
PROGRESS; WE HAVE
ALWAYS HAD A FAITH
THAT THE DAYS OF OUR
CHILDREN WOULD BE
BETTER THAN OUR OWN.
OUR PEOPLE ARE LOSING
THAT FAITH -- NOT
ONLY IN GOVERNMENT
ITSELF, BUT IN THE
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. OUR PROGRESS

HAS BEEN PART OF THE

LIVING HISTORY OF

AMERICA. WE ALWAYS

BELIEVED WE WERE PART

OF A GREAT MOVEMENT

OF HUMANITY CALLED

DEMOCRACY, INVOLVED

IN THE SEARCH FOR

FREEDOM -- AND THAT

BELIEF HAS ALWAYS

STRENGTHENED US IN

OUR PURPOSE. BUT JUST

AS WE ARE LOSING OUR

CONFIDENCE IN THE

FUTURE, WE ARE ALSO

BEGINNING TO CLOSE

THE DOOR ON OUR PAST.

IN A NATION THAT WAS

PROUD OF HARD WORK,

STRONG FAMILIES,

CLOSE-KNIT COMMUNITIES
AND OUR FAITH IN GOD,
TOO MANY OF US NOW
TEND TO WORSHIP
SELF-INDULGENCE AND
CONSUMPTION, HUMAN
IDENTITY IS NO LONGER
DEFINED BY WHAT ONE
DOES, BUT BY WHAT ONE
OWNS.

BUT WE HAVE DISCOVERED
THAT OWNING THINGS
AND CONSUMING THINGS
DOES NOT SATISFY OUR
LONGING FOR MEANING.
WE HAVE LEARNED THAT
PILING UP MATERIAL
GOODS CANNOT FILL THE
EMPTINESS OF LIVES
WHICH HAVE NO
CONFIDENCE OR PURPOSE.
THE SYMPTOMS OF THIS
CRISIS OF THE
AMERICAN SPIRIT 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 EVEN
VOTE. THE
PRODUCTIVITY OF
AMERICAN WORKERS IS
ACTUALLY DROPPING, AND
THE WILLINGNESS OF
AMERICANS TO SAVE FOR
THE FUTURE HAS FALLEN
BELOW THAT OF ALL
OTHER PEOPLE IN THE
WESTERN WORLD. THERE
IS A GROWING
DISRESPECT FOR
GOVERNMENT, AND FOR
CHURCHES, SCHOOLS, THE
NEWS MEDIA AND OTHER
INSTITUTIONS.
THIS IS NOT A MESSAGE

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OF HAPPINESS OR
REASSURANCE, BUT IT IS
THE TRUTH AND IT IS A
WARNING.

THESE CHANGES DID NOT
HAPPEN OVERNIGHT.
THEY HAVE COME UPON
US GRADUALLY, OVER THE
LAST GENERATION --
YEARS THAT WERE FILLED
WITH SHOCKS AND
TRAGEDY. WE WERE SURE
OURS WAS A NATION OF
THE BALLOT, NOT THE
BULLET -- UNTIL THE
MURDERS OF JOHN ^{KENNEDY} AND
ROBERT KENNEDY AND
MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR. 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
SHOCK OF WATERGATE,
WE REMEMBER WHEN THE
PHRASE "SOUND AS A
DOLLAR" WAS AN
EXPRESSION OF
DEPENDABILITY --
UNTIL TEN YEARS OF
INFLATION BEGAN TO
SHRINK OUR DOLLAR
AND OUR SAVINGS,
WE BELIEVED THAT
OUR RESOURCES WERE
LIMITLESS -- UNTIL
1973 WHEN WE HAD
TO FACE
OUR GROWING
DEPENDENCE ON
FOREIGN OIL.
THESE WOUNDS ARE
STILL VERY DEEP.
THEY HAVE

NEVER BEEN HEALED.

LOOKING FOR A WAY OUT
OF THIS CRISIS, OUR
PEOPLE HAVE TURNED TO
THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT AND FOUND
IT ISOLATED FROM THE
MAINSTREAM OF OUR
NATION'S LIFE.

WASHINGTON, D.C. HAS
BECOME AN ISLAND,
THE GAP BETWEEN OUR
CITIZENS AND OUR
GOVERNMENT HAS NEVER
BEEN SO WIDE.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
ARE LOOKING FOR
HONEST ANSWERS, NOT
EASY ANSWERS -- CLEAR
LEADERSHIP, NOT FALSE
CLAIMS, EVASIVENESS,
AND POLITICS AS USUAL.
WHAT YOU SEE TOO
OFTEN IN WASHINGTON AND
ELSEWHERE AROUND THE

COUNTRY IS A SYSTEM
OF GOVERNMENT THAT
SEEMS INCAPABLE OF
ACTION. YOU SEE A
CONGRESS TWISTED AND
PULLED IN EVERY
DIRECTION BY
HUNDREDS OF
WELL-FINANCED AND
POWERFUL SPECIAL
INTERESTS. YOU SEE
EVERY EXTREME POSITION
DEFENDED
TO THE LAST VOTE,
ALMOST TO THE LAST
BREATH, BY ONE
UNYIELDING
GROUP OR ANOTHER.
YOU 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 YOU
SEE PARALYSIS,
STAGNATION, AND DRIFT.
YOU DON'T LIKE IT,
AND NEITHER DO I.
WHAT CAN WE DO?
FIRST OF ALL WE MUST
FACE THE TRUTH -- THEN
WE CAN CHANGE OUR
COURSE. WE SIMPLY
MUST HAVE FAITH IN
EACH OTHER, FAITH IN
OUR ABILITY TO GOVERN
OURSELVES, AND FAITH
IN THE FUTURE.
RESTORING THAT FAITH
AND CONFIDENCE TO
AMERICA IS NOW THE
MOST IMPORTANT TASK
WE FACE -- IT IS THE
TRUE CHALLENGE OF THIS
GENERATION OF AMERICANS.
ONE OF THE VISITORS TO
CAMP DAVID LAST WEEK

PUT IT THIS WAY:
"WE'VE GOT TO STOP
CRYING AND START
SWEATING; STOP
TALKING AND START
WALKING; STOP
CURSING AND START
PRAYING, THE
STRENGTH WE NEED WILL
COME NOT FROM THE
WHITE HOUSE, BUT
FROM EVERY HOUSE IN
AMERICA." WE KNOW THE
STRENGTH OF AMERICA.
WE ARE STRONG. WE CAN
REGAIN OUR UNITY. WE
CAN REGAIN OUR
CONFIDENCE. WE ARE
THE HEIRS OF
GENERATIONS WHO
SURVIVED THREATS MUCH
MORE POWERFUL AND
AWESOME THAN THOSE
THAT CHALLENGE US NOW.
OUR FATHERS AND MOTHERS
WERE STRONG 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
OURSELVES ARE THE
AMERICANS WHO JUST 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 THAT
WILL WIN THE WAR ON
THE ENERGY PROBLEM --
AND IN THAT PROCESS
REBUILD THE UNITY AND
CONFIDENCE OF AMERICA.
WE ARE AT A TURNING
POINT IN OUR HISTORY.
THERE ARE TWO PATHS

TO CHOOSE,
ONE IS THE PATH I
HAVE WARNED ABOUT
TONIGHT -- THE PATH
THAT LEADS TO
FRAGMENTATION AND
SELF-INTEREST, DOWN
THAT ROAD LIES A
MISTAKEN IDEA OF
FREEDOM -- THE RIGHT
TO GRASP FOR OURSELVES
SOME ADVANTAGE OVER
OTHERS, THAT PATH
WOULD BE ONE OF
CONSTANT 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 -- ALL THE

PROMISES OF OUR
FUTURE -- POINT TO
ANOTHER PATH -- THE
PATH OF COMMON
PURPOSE AND THE
RESTORATION OF
OUR VALUES, THAT
PATH LEADS TO TRUE
FREEDOM -- FOR OUR
NATION AND OURSELVES.
WE CAN TAKE THE FIRST
STEPS DOWN THAT PATH
AS WE BEGIN TO SOLVE
OUR ENERGY PROBLEM.
ENERGY WILL BE THE
IMMEDIATE TEST OF OUR
ABILITY TO UNITE THE
NATION, IT CAN ALSO
BE THE STANDARD AROUND
WHICH WE RALLY, ON
THE BATTLEFIELD OF
ENERGY, WE CAN WIN FOR
OUR NATION A NEW
CONFIDENCE -- AND WE
CAN SEIZE CONTROL OF

OUR COMMON DESTINY,
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
COUNTRIES -- AT PRICES
THAT ARE GOING
THROUGH THE ROOF. OUR
DEPENDENCE ON O.P.E.C.
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 AGGRAVATING
HOURS WAITING FOR GAS.
IT IS THE CAUSE OF THE
INCREASED INFLATION
AND UNEMPLOYMENT WE

NOW FACE, THIS
INTOLERABLE DEPENDENCE
ON FOREIGN OIL
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 NOW ABOUT
ENERGY IS 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
CUTTING OUR
DEPENDENCE ON
FOREIGN OIL BY

ONE-HALF BY THE END
OF THE NEXT DECADE --
A SAVING OF OVER 4½
MILLION BARRELS OF
IMPORTED OIL PER DAY.
POINT TWO. TO
INSURE THAT WE MEET
THESE TARGETS, 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 DROP
OF FOREIGN OIL MORE
THAN THESE GOALS
ALLOW. THESE QUOTAS
WILL INSURE A
REDUCTION IN IMPORTS
EVEN BELOW THE
AMBITIOUS LEVELS
WE SET AT THE TOKYO
SUMMIT.

POINT THREE. TO GIVE
US ENERGY SECURITY, 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 OIL
SHALE, FROM PLANT
PRODUCTS FOR GASAHOL,
FROM UNCONVENTIONAL
GAS, FROM THE SUN.
I PROPOSE THE CREATION
OF AN ENERGY SECURITY
CORPORATION TO LEAD
THIS EFFORT TO
REPLACE 2.5 MILLION
BARRELS OF IMPORTED
OIL PER DAY BY 1990.
THE CORPORATION WILL
ISSUE UP TO \$5
BILLION IN ENERGY

BONDS -- IN SMALL
DENOMINATIONS SO THAT
AVERAGE AMERICANS CAN
INVEST DIRECTLY IN
AMERICA'S ENERGY
SECURITY. JUST AS A
SIMILAR SYNTHETIC
RUBBER CORPORATION
HELPED US WIN WORLD
WAR II, SO TOO WILL
WE MOBILIZE AMERICAN
DETERMINATION AND
ABILITY TO WIN THE
ENERGY WAR.
MOREOVER, I WILL
SOON SUBMIT
LEGISLATION TO
CONGRESS CALLING
FOR THE CREATION OF
THIS NATION'S FIRST
SOLAR BANK -- WHICH
WILL HELP US ACHIEVE
THE CRUCIAL GOAL OF
TWENTY PER CENT OF OUR

ENERGY COMING FROM
SOLAR POWER BY THE
YEAR 2000. THESE
EFFORTS WILL COST
MONEY -- AND THAT IS
WHY CONGRESS MUST
ENACT THE WINDFALL
PROFITS TAX
WITHOUT DELAY. IT
WILL BE MONEY WELL
SPENT. UNLIKE THE
BILLIONS OF DOLLARS
WE SHIP TO FOREIGN
COUNTRIES TO PAY FOR
FOREIGN OIL, THESE
FUNDS WILL BE PAID BY
AMERICANS TO AMERICANS.
THEY WILL GO TO FIGHT --
NOT TO INCREASE --
INFLATION AND
UNEMPLOYMENT.
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
FIFTY 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, THE DELAYS, AND

THE ENDLESS
ROADBLOCKS TO
COMPLETING KEY ENERGY
PROJECTS. WE WILL
PROTECT OUR
ENVIRONMENT, BUT
WHEN THIS NATION
CRITICALLY NEEDS
A REFINERY OR A
PIPELINE -- WE WILL
BUILD IT.
POINT SIX. I AM
PROPOSING A BOLD
CONSERVATION PROGRAM
TO INVOLVE EVERY
STATE, COUNTY, AND
CITY -- AND EVERY
AMERICAN CITIZEN --
IN OUR ENERGY BATTLE.
THIS EFFORT WILL
PERMIT YOU TO BUILD
CONSERVATION INTO YOUR
HOMES AND YOUR LIVES --
AT A COST YOU CAN
AFFORD, I ASK CONGRESS

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TO GIVE ME AUTHORITY
FOR MANDATORY
CONSERVATION AND FOR
STANDBY GASOLINE
RATIONING, TO
FURTHER CONSERVE
ENERGY, I AM
PROPOSING TONIGHT
AN EXTRA \$10 BILLION
OVER THE NEXT DECADE
TO STRENGTHEN OUR
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
SYSTEMS, AND I AM
ASKING YOU -- FOR YOUR
GOOD AND FOR YOUR
NATION'S SECURITY --
TO TAKE NO
UNNECESSARY TRIPS, TO
USE CARPOOLS OR
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
WHENEVER YOU CAN, TO
PARK YOUR CAR ONE
EXTRA DAY PER WEEK,
TO OBEY THE SPEED
LIMIT AND TO SET YOUR

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THERMOSTATS TO SAVE
FUEL. EVERY ACT OF
ENERGY CONSERVATION
LIKE THIS IS MORE THAN
JUST COMMON SENSE --
IT IS AN ACT OF
PATRIOTISM.

OUR NATION MUST BE
FAIR TO THE POOREST
AMONG US -- SO WE
WILL INCREASE AID TO
NEEDY AMERICANS TO
COPE WITH RISING
ENERGY PRICES. WE
OFTEN THINK OF
CONSERVATION ONLY IN
TERMS OF SACRIFICE.
IN FACT IT IS THE
MOST PAINLESS 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 MORE FREEDOM,
MORE CONFIDENCE, THAT
MUCH MORE CONTROL OVER
OUR OWN LIVES.

SO THE SOLUTION TO OUR
ENERGY CRISIS CAN ALSO
HELP US CONQUER THE
CRISIS OF THE SPIRIT
IN OUR COUNTRY. IT
CAN REKINDLE OUR
SENSE OF UNITY, OUR
CONFIDENCE IN THE
FUTURE, AND GIVE US
A NEW SENSE OF
PURPOSE.

WE CAN DO IT. WE
HAVE THE NATURAL
RESOURCES -- WE
HAVE MORE OIL IN OUR
SHALE ROCK 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 WITH INNOVATIVE
GENIUS, AND I FIRMLY
BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE
THE NATIONAL WILL TO
WIN THIS WAR.

I DO NOT PROMISE YOU
THAT THIS STRUGGLE FOR
FREEDOM WILL BE EASY.

I DO NOT PROMISE A
QUICK WAY OUT OF OUR
NATION'S PROBLEMS --
WHEN THE TRUTH IS
THAT THE ONLY WAY OUT
IS AN ALL-OUT EFFORT.

WHAT I DO PROMISE YOU
IS THAT I WILL LEAD
OUR FIGHT, I WILL
ENFORCE FAIRNESS IN
OUR STRUGGLE, I WILL
ENSURE HONESTY -- AND
ABOVE ALL I WILL ACT.
WE CAN MANAGE THE

SHORT-TERM
SHORTAGES MORE
EFFECTIVELY -- AND WE
WILL, BUT THERE ARE
NO SHORT-TERM
SOLUTIONS TO OUR
LONG-RANGE PROBLEMS.
THERE IS NO WAY TO
AVOID SACRIFICE,
TWELVE HOURS FROM
NOW I WILL SPEAK
AGAIN -- IN KANSAS
CITY -- TO EXPAND
UPON OUR ENERGY
GOALS, JUST AS THE
SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS
TO OUR ENERGY
SHORTAGES HAS LED US
TO A NEW AWARENESS
OF OUR NATION'S
DEEPER PROBLEMS --
SO OUR WILLINGNESS
TO WORK FOR THOSE
SOLUTIONS CAN
STRENGTHEN US TO

ATTACK THOSE DEEPER
PROBLEMS. I WILL
CONTINUE TO TRAVEL
THE COUNTRY TO HEAR
THE PEOPLE OF
AMERICA. YOU CAN HELP
ME DEVELOP A NATIONAL
AGENDA FOR THE 1980'S.
I WILL LISTEN, AND I
WILL ACT. WE WILL
ACT TOGETHER. THESE
WERE THE PROMISES
I MADE THREE YEARS
AGO AND I INTEND
TO KEEP THEM.
LITTLE BY LITTLE WE
CAN AND MUST REBUILD
OUR CONFIDENCE. WE
MAY SPEND UNTIL WE
EMPTY OUR TREASURIES,
WE MAY SUMMON ALL THE
WONDERS OF SCIENCE --
BUT WE CAN SUCCEED

ONLY IF WE TAP OUR
GREATEST RESOURCES;
AMERICA'S PEOPLE,
AMERICA'S VALUES,
AND AMERICA'S
CONFIDENCE.

I HAVE SEEN THE
STRENGTH OF AMERICA
IN THE IN
INEXHAUSTIBLE
RESOURCES OF OUR
PEOPLE.

IN THE DAYS TO COME
LET US RENEW THAT
STRENGTH IN THE
STRUGGLE FOR AN
ENERGY SECURE NATION.
IN CLOSING, LET ME
SAY THIS: I WILL DO
MY BEST, BUT I WILL
NOT DO IT ALONE.
LET YOUR VOICE BE
HEARD. WHENEVER
YOU HAVE A CHANCE,

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SAY SOMETHING GOOD
ABOUT OUR COUNTRY,
WITH GOD'S HELP --
AND FOR THE SAKE OF
OUR NATION-- IT IS TIME
FOR US TO JOIN HANDS
IN AMERICA.
LET US COMMIT
OURSELVES TOGETHER
TO A REBIRTH OF THE
AMERICAN SPIRIT,
WORKING TOGETHER
WITH OUR COMMON
FAITH WE CANNOT
FAIL.

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2867 South 99th Street
West Allis, Wis. 53227
July 15, 1979

Dear President Carter,

I have just watched your presentation on television and felt as "an average citizen" I should pledge my support of your energy and conservation plan.

I feel I am in a position as a third grade teacher to instill in the young a need and desire to conserve. One of my favorite units is that of ecology and conservation. And I do feel I need to practice what I preach!

Personally, I feel a bit defeated at times, and my husband and friends share this feeling. Some examples: traveling at 50-55 mph only to be passed by every vehicle on the

road; turning down the thermostat
on heat and air conditioning
only to be uncomfortable at shopping
complexes; saving on electricity only
to see huge signs and displays
ablaze. Through all this we will
continue to try, hoping that by
conscience or force, big business
will try also.

Please be assured you are
in our prayers. Hopefully, in
some of your travels you will
come to Wisconsin, and to be
very optimistic, that you would
choose to visit in West Allis, a
Milwaukee suburb.

Thank you sincerely for your
efforts and goals for us, as citizens
of the best country in the world.
Barbara (Mrs. Michael) Uschan

4415 East Piccadilly Road
Phoenix, AZ 85018
July 16, 1979

The Honorable James Carter
President of the United States
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Carter:

We listened carefully and with much interest to your talk to the nation last evening. You remarked that you are willing to listen to the people who make up this great nation. That is the reason for this letter.

First of all, we thank God that you have asked His guidance as you struggled with the problems. Furthermore, we feel you have hit the nail on the head, so to speak, when you spoke of the apathy of the American people. We pray they will accept your challenge to get behind you in this war on energy.

In order to get the nation to realize you are in earnest, we feel that if they saw their leaders - the President, the Congress and all the so-called "bureaucrats" - tightening their belts, eliminating the limosines, were not given cheaper prices at the pumps, walked more often, used public transportation, and following the points you suggested for the American people, the vast majority of people would realize that you meant every word you said. Then they would be ready to quit complaining, save energy in every way possible, and get on the band-wagon.

We, personally, have heeded your request to turn up or down (depending on the time of year) the thermostat. However, we use less kilowatts - but the utility company constantly raises their rates, presumably so they can make the same high profits as before. How can we fight inflation that way? They, too, must make some sacrifices. With temperatures anywhere from 105° to 115° we have resisted the urge to utilize our air-conditioner as we did other years. We now turn it on for a few hours each day, keep blinds closed, and in the evenings open windows and use a fan to make sleeping possible.

Mr. President, you have been in our prayers regularly since you took office. We shall continue to pray for you. Whether or not we voted you into office does not matter. You represent the government our God has given us, and we therefore plead in your behalf that God, through Jesus Christ, grant you wisdom to lead this country forward and upward.

God bless you.

Sincerely,

Margaret Post
Clarence Post
Margaret and Clarence Post

PETER F. GALLAGHER
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July 18, 1979

President Jimmy Carter
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Carter:

I enjoyed your three speeches on July 15 and 16 and I believe that you have dragged the American people back on top of the fence from the wrong side where they had fallen. However, in order to insure that they fall on our side we need some concrete action and we need it now.

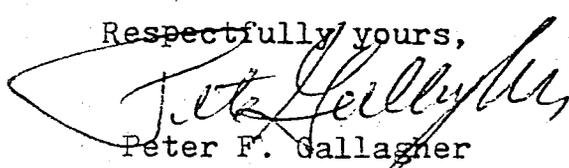
For instance-- within two weeks from your July 15 speech we should have a list of twelve to fifteen utilities in the nation that have been cleared to switch from Oil to Coal with an effective date of no later than Sept 1st. It would be equally effective if you could point to a plant in the west that would start on shale operation-- say on Sept. 1, 1979 and will be producing (X) barrels of oil by Sept. 1, 82.

These things, I believe, will settle down the average citizen in an all out effort to help and help the money capitals to stabilize the dollar. In short, everyone will believe, "By God he really does mean business."

You see,, the only things that we can see now are-- Air Conditioners riding at 78 Degrees and a lot of speeding tickets being written to observe the 55 MPH limit. (Both good things-- But NOT ENOUGH) I guess the President Jimmy Carter that I saw on July 15th is about as tough a Jimmy Carter as we have--I can understand this-- I am not a shouter either--- But I am reminded of a President Jack Kennedy who would be punching that finger at the camera and literally shouting--"THIS IS A WAR--AND I INTEND TO WIN."

Please keep moving around the country with your speeches. We have to see our President--OFTEN. You are getting to the people And the Congress will follow---They are good at that.

Respectfully yours,


Peter F. Gallagher

Speech Support View

361 South Commonwealth Avenue
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July 15, 1979

President Jimmy Carter
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear President Carter:

~~I am prepared to make my share of the sacrifices to bring about the change whose need you delineated in your address this evening. I hope only that you will make every effort to assure no one will profit excessively from my sacrifice and from that of our fellow Americans.~~

Sincerely yours,



Christian Schock

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2078 EAST D Ave.
RICHLAND, Michigan 49083

16 JULY 1979

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PRESIDENT CARTER
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

DEAR PRESIDENT CARTER,

MY HUSBAND AND I ARE IN FULL SUPPORT OF YOUR MOVEMENT FOR PATRIOTISM. WORDS ALONE, HOWEVER, WILL BE EMPTY UNLESS THEY ARE FOLLOWED BY EXAMPLES SET BY OUR PUBLIC LEADERS AS WELL AS BY THE BUSINESS SECTOR. A TREMENDOUS CAMPAIGN SHOULD BE IMBARKED UPON WHEREBY EACH TIME A NEWSPAPER IS QUENED, A TELEVISION SET IS TURNED ON OR A RADIO STATION TUNED IN, THERE IS THIS REMINDER: AMERICA NEEDS YOU! CONSERVE, ACT RESPONSIBLY AND BE PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN!

WE NEED THE VISUALS OF PATRIOTISM USING WORLD WAR II: UNCLE SAM POINTING A FINGER AT YOU; THE STARS AND STRIPES FLYING OVERHEAD; SLOGANS; BANNERS, ETC.

THE SLUMP OF PATRIOTISM WAS ESPECIALLY FELT THIS 4th OF JULY WHEN WE WERE THE ONLY HOUSE ON THE STREET THAT FLEW THE AMERICAN FLAG! OUR FUTURE REMAINS DISMAL UNLESS THIS CHANGES. IT MUST CHANGE! IT WILL CHANGE IF MY CONTRIBUTION HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT! SINCERELY, MARIAN YUNGHANS

7p - Sup + V/Pas Eff.

7/15/79

Dear Mr. Carter,

I am 19 years old and live in northeastern Pennsylvania. Up till now, I was neutral in my opinion of you. I did not feel you were a great leader, but I did not blame you for all of the problems of this nation. But hearing your speech Sunday night may have changed my mind. I was very pleased to hear you speak in favor of solar power, use of coal and development of shale oil. And I was glad to hear of your faith in U.S. technology and ingenuity.

I agree we need to conserve energy to buy time for developing alternative energy needs. I am conserving now by driving the speed limit and not using my car excessively. Unfortunately, I still drive an old gas guzzler simply because the small cars are so expensive. I agree we must help the poor and needy, but I am not in favor of more hand-out checks to undeserving people. And, I intend to buy several energy

bonds that you plan to introduce
We do need more faith in
government and each other, and
when I hear you speak against
bribe and cheat in the government,
it gives me the faith you talk of.
I do hope you meant what you
said tonight. Like you said, we
need action - we cannot suffer
another let down.

It was also nice to hear you
say 'trust in God'. It is rare
to hear that outside of my church.
I also think your visits to private
homes was original and thoughtful.
I liked what I heard tonight
and I am putting my faith in
you. I hope you do not let us
down.

Thank you for your time.

Very truly yours,

Danny Karach

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July 16, 1979

Dear President Carter,

I am pausing just a moment to tell you, I am with you all the way. Your courage and humility along with your love for America stirred my heart. However, more than stirring my heart, you have encouraged my spirit into action. I shall not from this day forth allow a day to pass without saying something good about my beloved country. This week I shall join a car pool to my job. Also my aim is to set aside money to purchase interest in my country. I have always felt I was conservative in my use of energy but I shall

make even greater efforts to curtail my usage.

Above all of this, I intend to spend time each day in prayer to the one & only Almighty God for my country and for you.

I do not know if this note will reach you or not but hopefully you will get the message that Americans are joining hands! As I tonight as you fall asleep may you get a warm, good feeling down deep inside because you have run & are running the race well. More than anything, You have lead us and you stretched out your hand to me.

Thank you Mr. President.
Continued to walk with God
and we will walk with
you as days in the United
States get better + better.

Sincerely,

Brenda K. McCummins

P.S. Your smile brightens
my day.

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Speech - Sugg, Vass + Sugg
James a Justice
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Cherryville NC

Dear Mr. President

Your ~~speech on Sunday July 15th,~~
was one of the best I've heard
from any President. My occupation
is a sales manager of a large
Trucking firm and I'm 41 years
old.

You've defined the problem correctly
as being, with all Americans losing
confidence in our ability to win
any battle. It must start
with every American. My family
will all explore ways for us
to make our contribution.

I think we all needed you
as President to speak firmly
and with conviction to lead -
you did this.

I hope the investment's needed to find alternate energy will proceed immediately and let the public know.

I have long opposed the small minority environmentalist being able to tie up or cause cancellation on much needed Dam projects, nuclear plants, etc, ONCE research proves that these needed projects are safe we must not allow them to be delayed by a few at the expense of many. You made this clear, stick to it please.

We must rally behind our great country again. The press & news media can truly help by not being so critical of Government but rally this country into pulling together.

If all politicians would
for one year vote, react
and make decisions on what's
best for this country and not
on protecting special groups, or
worrying about being reelected,
we could really move mountains.

I recommend an effort to
have store hours by all
large chains reduced voluntarily,
most of the long hours, some
7 days a week and 24 hrs a
day are simply done to meet
competition. I see no reason
for any store to be open
24 hours a day. The shopping
public would adjust quickly
to the reduced hours.

We are behind you
and look forward to the
day we can tell OPEC
"what to do with their oil"

James a Justice
& family

Stay firm !!

July 16, 1979

Dear President Carter,

I wish you to know I liked your speech last night very much. Your analysis of our spiritual/emotional problems seems accurate and I hope a sincere attack on real problems will provide a rallying point for us.

Watching the news reports after your speech, I realize your specific program is controversial and even may not be the best. However, do not let Congress sit back, reject your program and do nothing. Keep insisting the congressmen respond and act. Keep after us, the people, to make us see our complacency and force us to act. You are right. We cannot continue our rich, irresponsible life styles.

As a citizen I will conserve energy, keep informed and write my congressmen.

Sincerely,

Leah H. Mackerson

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July 16, 1979
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President of the United States
Jimmy Carter
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Carter:

I listened to your speech last night and was very favorable impressed with what you had to say to the American people. I was particularly interested in your comments concerning the energy crises and the inflation problem.

I am looking forward to hearing your concrete and positive plans for energy conservation which in my opinion is of the utmost importance. I agree that this country wastes entirely too much energy and the utmost attention should be made to cut down this American waste of fuel and energy.

I have some of my own ideas that I feel should come to your attention in this matter. As an ordinary citizen who is feeling the energy crunch as well as the inflation problem I believe there are areas that positive steps could be taken that would result in considerable savings.

Thousands of high school systems throughout the country are either suburban or rural. One has only to visit these high schools and see the parking lots jammed with cars that students use to transport themselves to school. This in spite of the fact that most if not all of these schools have adequate bus transportation supplied at a considerable cost to the school budgets. I would take immediate steps to prohibit driving to high schools where bus transportation is available. In fact I would make it mandatory that the minimum driving age be increased to at least 17 or possibly 18 years of age.

Outdoor advertising that absolutely wastes energy if used for the entire hours of darkness. No outdoor advertising should be permitted between the hours of midnight and 6 A.M.

Fuel used for strictly recreational purposes should be given the very lowest priority for the allotment of gasoline. High powered gasoline engines used in motor boats, speed boats and racing cars in my opinion are of non-essential use.

The government program to constantly increase the MPG for motor vehicles are a step in the right direction. In my opinion the manufacture of motor vehicles with 8 cylinders or more should be gradually phased out and in 5 or 6 years should be prohibited entirely. The latest four and six cylinder autos are efficient, comfortable and do not consume the large amounts of gasoline that the 8 cylinder car uses.

Tax credits should be given to home owners who not only insulate their homes but a sizable credit should be given when converting to gas, coal or solar systems. I have myself just purchased a wood/coal burner stove that I will be installing in my family room so that I can cut down on the use and consumption of fuel oil.

Mandatory regulations on many of the above would be accepted by the American public. If we can substantially reduce our non-essential use of gasoline I know that a majority of the American public will support you. I for one will support you 100 percent in any effort that eliminates non essential use of energy.

Sincerely,


William B Hanka

Miss Catherine A. Knara
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July 17, 1979

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President of the United States
Mr. James E. Carter
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Carter,

Please accept my congratulations!

Your address to the nation was certainly an inspiration to me. I have long felt that too many of our fellow citizens have expected government & the President to "cure all ills" when we have not been willing to "take our medicine." There is a great deal wrong with government and with our leaders, (some of them), but they are representatives of people. If people lose sight of goals, fail in spirit, etc., they won't demand any different from their elected leaders. We're long on criticism for everyone but ourselves. We work long hours to

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build everything but the human spirit!

Some persons say you are a fine person, a God-fearing man, not a "sneaky politician," highly moral, etc., but that you lack leadership. Well, I agree with all but the last point. For not sure what kind of leadership is required today for people who refuse to exercise leadership as individual citizens. I do, however, believe you are doing your utmost and I also believe that with your faith, your commitment, and your values, God in His Holy Spirit of infinite wisdom will guide you. I pray for you and I support you and will do so again with my vote.

May God grant you strength and grace as His man and as a leader of His people!

Respectfully,
Cathy Knara

MR. & MRS. DAVID J. SIDNEY
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LEANDER, TEXAS 78641

July 15, 1979

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Dear President Carter,

I appreciate your efforts for peace, love,
and the welfare of the world. We understand
the problems you have faced in your tenure
as the leader of these United States. Please
help us from becoming introverted and nationalistic.
We can handle our problems on a gross national basis,
but we have to continue to export our solutions
(religion, technology, and political form).

Once our energy plan is firm we need to
commit our financial resource to cause the
necessary capitalization to happen.

In the past few weeks I have started carpooling.
A Federal tax on gasoline amounting to the cost
of imports should be adjusted periodically to emphasize
the impacts. Thus a doubling of OPEC oil price
coupled with a 25% reduction in consumption
(imports) would result in a 50% tax increase.

God Bless you,
Dr. David J. Sidney

Lexington, NC 27292

Sunday Night
July 15, 1979

402 W. 4th Ave

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you so much for the forthright,
courageous, and inspiring message you gave
to the People just moments ago.

It had not really occurred to me
that parking my car one day, putting my
thermostat on 78°, or saying a kind word
about you or our Country would be an
aid to the productivity of this Nation
just as workers turning out a better car
or a better piece of furniture. I hereby
pledge to do my utmost to ~~save~~ at
every point and attempt to influence my
friends to do the same.

May God richly bless you as ^{you} struggle
to make this earthly home a better place,
as we know He is taking care of the
Heavenly Home for those who Love Him.

Prayerfully,
JW Jile

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Speech Support Post

David J. Leaky, Jr.
117 E. Magnolia Ave
Aldan, Pa 19018

Dear President Carter,

I firmly support your efforts concerning our growing energy problems. My wife and I have already started in our attempt to conserve our vital natural resources. Several months we sold our large luxury car and purchased a new V.W. diesel. ^{QJR} V.W. does not have air conditioning (a luxury we were willing to sacrifice for conservation).

In short, I am writing this letter to let you know that there are Americans who are sympathetic to your struggle and that there are Americans who support you 100%.

Please keep up the good work.

Respectfully yours,
David J. Leaky, Jr.

P.S. We saw your special report to the American people, Sunday night. My wife and I thought you looked very tired. I suggest you take your family on a much needed vacation.

Rockville, July 16, 1979

Dear Mr. President:

~~I fully support your efforts to redirect the use~~
of energy in the United States. As a native of Geneva, Switzerland,
I know that a high standard of living and a high degree of freedom
are not linked to excessive use of energy. On the contrary, never
were the habitants of my native city happier and friendlier to each
other than on the first sunday in 1973 where driving was prohibited.
In this common experience, there was a spirit of sharing a similar
objective, just as you want to create now.

As an American, for the past twenty years, I know how much
energy is wasted by sheer inertia and lack of understanding or interest.
I hope and pray that you can educate the people of this country to mend
their ways; and to appreciate how much we can be thankful for what we
have at our disposition right here. Without having to depend on distant
supplies.

~~Finally, permit me to reflect on the need for conservation:~~
to advocate production at any cost, without reducing consumption as
much as possible, is akin, in my mind, to attempt to keep afloat a
heavily leaking boat by installing larger and more powerful pumps !
Even in the Swiss Navy, ships are not operated in such a foolish way.

Very truly and respectfully yours,



Robert Brunier
12113 Village Square Terrace
#101
Rockville, MD 20852

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Ingrid King
49 Overlook Road
West Milford, N.J. 07480
201-728-8382

The President
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr President,

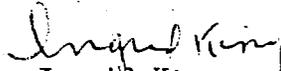
I applaud your Sunday night energy speech. Both content and delivery were fine, we seem to have a President at last.

You have started something which will build only if you keep yourself, your ideas constantly public. I hope you make more speeches. When a crisis hits, hit us with a speech! Advertise!

Yes, ADVERTISE! If there could be a series of advertisements; Drive at 55...you'll get there on less gas. Turn off a light.. eat by candle light! A Once-a-Week-Don't-Drive-Day. Do some good for America today and America will do some good for you tomorrow. The message, whatever it is, must be constantly before the American People, we are a nation that accepts things thru advertising,. The message of your speech was important, that this is a good country; we can make it a great country once more and we can and must ALL help to do it.

Advertise, Mr. President!; make some more fine speeches, and I'll bet The People will be with you...and somehow, if you could slip in a message about our writing to Congress to get them off their....votes well, that would be a help to us all!

Thank You,


Ingrid King

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July 17, 1979

President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Bravo! Since you emphasize how you want to hear from the ordinary citizens, ~~my friends have requested that I write and express how pleased we were with your speech Sunday evening.~~

We are more than willing to cooperate with conserving energy, however, there are two things that truly "bug" us. Why are the shopping centers allowed to remain open each evening Monday through Saturday until 9:30 p.m. Isn't 7:00 p.m. late enough? And, why should they open at all on Sunday?

We also agree that the driving age should be eighteen years of age, not sixteen. This would eliminate the teenagers from filling the high school parking lots to capacity and prevent them from "running wild" with their autos causing countless accidents, injuries and deaths. Can you imagine the gasoline this alone would save as well as oil? This is a thorn in our sides, believe me.

Also, suburban areas should be forced to take advantage of busses, for instance, the suburb of Oregon, Ohio should have TARTA for those of us commuting to downtown Toledo to work. Maumee has it, so why not Oregon?

There are so many common sense things that could be initiated right now, none of which could be labeled sacrifice but only good judgement. Since the nation has not been united since the end of WW II, we long for the type of forcefulness you displayed the other night and pray that you will follow this path which, without a doubt, will lead to your reelection.

Sincerely,

Mary Elizabeth Matis
Mary Elizabeth Matis
622 Hermitage Court
Oregon, Ohio 43616

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R. R. 11 Box 725
Cumberland, In. 46229
July 17, 1979

Dear President Carter,

Thank you for your message
on television July 15th

I agree with you. The only
way to conserve energy is
by programs of conservation
started in every American home.

With God as our helper
America can be a great nation.
A nation which uses her
resources wisely.

With God leading and
Americans following we can
arrive to a time where
America does not need to
import one drop of oil for
any of her needs.

I love you and I promise
to pray for you daily.
Your sister in Christ
Mrs. Diane Woolsey

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Mr President, is there
some way busing children
out of their neighborhoods
can be stopped legally?

Busing wastes a lot of
our energy.

Busing is also a statute
which prohibits Americans
freedom to choose which
schools their children can
attend.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Diane Woolsey

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Mr. Paul Oparowski
46 Railroad Avenue
Epping, New Hampshire 03042

July 17, 1979

Jimmy Carter, President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, District of Columbia 20500

Dear Mr. President:

After listening to your speech on July 15, 1979, I felt that I should write to you. You expressed a deep feeling I have had for some time. It is a sorry day when the vast majority of the citizens of this great country need to be reprimanded for their attitude. But it had to be done. I applaud your courage to face reality and try to turn the tide on the situation at hand. We need to stop blaming others; government, and especially the presidency for our problems because we are all to blame. I am disheartened by the polls saying the people are removing their support of the president because of the current issues. How can two hundred million people expect one man to overcome the problems created by a generation of conspicuous consumption? Finding a scapegoat is too easy a solution. God help the man who next takes the office of the president if we do not change our attitude. And God help the democratic system.

I support you in both the primary and the presidential election. I do not feel any regret. I pray for your courage, strength and perseverance. But more than that I pray for the reunification of our country. How soon so many of us has lost sight of John Kennedy's famous phrase at his inauguration.

I have faith that the country can pick itself up again and wipe the dirt off its face. We have done it before. For my part, I drive a car very little these days. Preferring to ride a bike or run the 10 miles to work each day. This is a small act but on a large scale can save more energy than imagined.

Good luck to you.

Regards,



Paul Oparowski

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July 17, 1979

The Pascarella's
3555 S. Russel Rd.
New Berlin, WI 53151

President Carter
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We support your goal to make America independent of foreign energy sources. The gravity of the energy situation should be a major national concern. If the nation is not rallied to fight energy waste and encouraged to explore new energy sources; the national security itself will be threatened.

To help promote the implementation of your program, added public exposure is mandatory. One speech per month would help keep the public aware of the energy program; as well as instilling a greater concern for action now. It is no exaggeration that we are in a war. The time to fight is now, before we succumb without a struggle. Your persistent insistence on the actions needed to save energy is the key to our nations future independence of foreign sources.

Our prayers are with you as you lead our country through a very difficult but necessary transition.

God Be With You

Sincerely;

Margaret & Charles Pascarella

Patricia A. Pascarella

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July 15, 1979

Dear President Carter,

I am glad that you have just made the speech you just made. I believe that the energy crisis is very real, that we need to sit back and take a look at what is happening to us. People are begining to forget about the problems of this country and let you, the Oil Companys, Congress and even other people deal with our problems. You and Congress are elected to help run the country not be the country. It is'nt only your place to solve the problems of The United States, it is the responsibility of every person who lives in this country. It is up to us to stop using as much oil as we do, to form carpools, take buses, or ride a bicycle. I believe that for this thing to work out we must all take part in it. I am only 15 years old but I am old enough to realize that one day it will be my generation that will have to deal with the problems of our country. I don't believe that people can wait around for scientists to make a substitute for gasoline. We need to act now. We can't wait until the very last minute. We need to believe in our country once again to believe in the government, to believe in every-thing which is a part of it. Without the unity needed to make a strong country I don't believe we can continue to be a country. I hope that once again we can vote at every election and to be- come a part of every problem we face. I hope that in the future when my generation runs the country we have the belief and unity needed for this country to once again be the greatest country in the world.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Dosal

60 Country Club Rd.
Cocoa Beach, Florida
32931

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1177 KING STREET
GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT 06830

July 16, 1979

Dear Mr. President:

I appreciate your frankness in your speech last night and support the programs you proposed. I feel you could have been even stronger and people would be willing to follow.

If you decide on rationing - and if you get the authority to enact it, I have a suggestion. Why not link the distribution of ration tickets to voter registration? This would encourage several things. First, it might get many people to register - or at least know where to. It would make the distribution of ration tickets more equitable. The poor would have access to them and could sell them thus giving a source of income to offset the higher prices which gas cost increases will bring to them. The distribution would not favor people who have and use cars - nor would it penalize them. I am not familiar enough with the voter registry bureaucracy to know whether it could be used for such an endeavor, but if so, it might prevent the increase in levels of government.

I believe you are leading the country in the right direction. A few strong actions will confirm that belief. Keep it up!

Sincerely,
Anne O'Neil

Dr. William R. Sabes
29253 Wellington Court
Southfield, Michigan 48034
July 17, 1979

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President Jimmy Carter
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I wish to congratulate you on your speeches
of July 15 and 16, 1979. I am appreciative of you
exerting a leadership role in developing solutions
to the domestic problems confronting us all.

This leadership is so necessary in moving
our country forward, once again. I hope that through
these programs, a pride in country will be restored.
It is time that a positive connotation return to
the idea of patriotism.

In the area of energy conservation and in
particular the gasoline shortage, I am supportive
of gasoline rationing. Although this may be
an unpopular solution, it gives the greatest
equity for those least able to afford the
rising cost of gasoline. Price alone should
not determine who must do without a
commodity.

Your proposed programs of what the Congress,
Utility companies and the Oil companies must do
are essential to our future well-being.
I also believe, Mr. President, that your programs
have to become our programs. They must be

translated to the level of the individual citizen. By this I mean that each person have a concrete way in which the individual can play a role to impact upon the solutions to the problems.

In summary, I believe the measures you advocate can be successful if the average citizen feels that they have some ownership in and can have specific impact upon the solutions to the problems.

You have my sincere wishes and prayers for sage decision making which affects the future of all of us.

Sincerely,

Dr. William R. Sabes


228 South Franklin
Dearborn, MI 48124
July 15, 1979

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

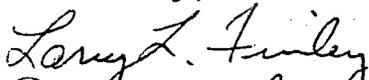
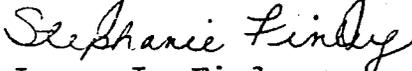
Dear Mr. President:

~~Having just heard your speech, we are writing to express our agreement and support for the objectives you have stated.~~ We especially believe that the problems you identified as a crisis of confidence are at the heart of several of the nations most pressing social problems, including the energy crisis and inflation. We also believe that the country needs strong and effective leadership to achieve unity of purpose. Your speech tonight was a good first step.

As a follow-up to the clear goals you have stated, we suggest that you ~~provide the American people with frequent progress reports, fairly dealing with opposing views.~~ After such a summary, we the people would be better briefed and prepared to address our congressmen to direct their efforts in the most constructive manner.

We are sending copies of this declaration of support to the Michigan congressional delegation. Further, we are prepared to become more politically active to produce a turnaround of the kind America needs.

Sincerely,

Larry L. Finley
Stephanie J. Finley

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6310 Moss Wood Dr.
MONROE, LOUISIANA
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PRESIDENT CARTER,

I'm NOT A MAN OF FIRM, BUT A MAN OF TANGLED
WORDS. SO PLEASE BARE WITH ME AS I TRY TO STATE MY FEELINGS.

FIRST I'LL LET YOU KNOW A LITTLE ABOUT ME. MY NAME
IS THERON TIM JACKS, JR., A REGISTERED PHARMACIST PRACTICING
IN MONROE, LOUISIANA. MY WIFE, SUSAN, IS ALSO A REGISTERED
PHARMACIST, AND AS OF AUGUST 19, 1979, WE WILL BE
MARRIED ONE YEAR. WE HAVE JUST PURCHASED A NEW
HOME AND PLAN TO START A FAMILY, ALL AT THE AGE OF 24.
NOW YOU KNOW A LITTLE ABOUT US.

WHEN YOU RAN FOR PRESIDENT I SUPPORTED GERALD FORD, AND
RECENTLY HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER REQUESTING SUPPORT IN
THE NEXT ELECTION. I DO NOT SUPPORT A PARTY, ONLY THE
MAN RUNNING.

BUT AFTER LISTENING TO YOU ON TELEVISION I CAN SUPPORT
NO OTHER THAN JIMMY CARTER. I FEEL YOU SPOKE FROM
YOUR HEART AND WANT TO DO WHAT'S BEST. I DO NOT
EXPECT YOU TO BE A GOD OR MIRACLE WORKER.

AS LONG AS YOU DO YOUR BEST AND SPEAK THE TRUTH, I WILL BE BEHIND YOU. MANY PEOPLE SAY MANY THINGS ABOUT YOU, THEY DO NOT TRUST BIG OIL COMPANIES AND FEEL THE HIGH PRICES OF HEALTH CARE. WELFARE IS OUT OF HAND, FREE MONEY DESTROYS THE NEED TO WORK. THIS AND MORE WE SEE, DO WHAT YOU CAN HERE FOR NOW TO SHOW YOU'RE STILL WITH US.

NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO I'M WITH YOU.
IF THERE IS ANY WAY I CAN HELP, LET ME KNOW.

Sincerely

Your Friend

John DeGroot RPh

P. 46
Hazel I. Mellott
244 Yorkshire Drive
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July 15, 1979

Jimmy Carter, President of the U.S.A.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Carter,

My husband and I just finished listening to your speech and we are in 100% agreement with you on all points. The most important thing for you to do is to FOLLOW THROUGH WITH ALL YOUR PROPOSALS!

I was very irritated with the newsmen on the ABC network and switched channels. Immediately after your speech, Dan Quartz and Sandy Varoeken(?) began to take a negative attitude towards the speech. This has a bad effect on some Americans who are very open to suggestions by other people and tend to follow along with what they think is the feelings of the majority. I don't think Mr. Varoeken even understood what the speech was all about. He seemed to think that you said that the American people had lost confidence in themselves, when you in fact, said that they had lost confidence in the future and their ability to have any effect on it.

Mr. President, our family has been conserving energy out of necessity because we simply can't afford to pay for the luxury of unnecessary driving. My husband is in the Air Force and he walks to work everyday or rides his bicycle. We have cut our energy consumption for our car in half since March of this year. We are using about 30 gallons of gas a month now. Mr. Carter, we simply must do something about the high prices of gasoline and oil. We have not had a substantial pay raise in quite a while. We don't mind not getting a pay raise as long as the prices of needed commodities and energy prices be controlled at a price where the average American can afford what he needs to make a living in order to pay the taxes that make this country function.

I am glad you addressed the loss of confidence that is and has eroded our lives and outlook on the future. It is a very subtle thing that has crept in almost unware, and until tonight, No one had been able to address or put their fingers on just what the underlying issue was.

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Mr. President, I agree that we must be free from dependence on any foreign government for ANYTHING. Americans have arisen to the occasion on numerous events and I know that we can lick this problem if Congress will only get behind you and support your proposals.

I have to be honest, Mr. Carter. Until tonight, I was against you because I didn't feel that you were trying to do anything. But now, Mr. Carter, I would like to know if there is any way that I can help you and our country to meet its goal of being Energy Independent? I feel that we are conserving as much gasoline as we can. If everyone in America would try to conserve instead of driving regardless of the price, it would help the low income Americans as well as the affluent.

Mr. President, be persistent on your proposals. We can lick this problem. You said that you would lead us. We are ready to follow sound leadership.

Sincerely yours,

Hazel I. Mellott

Hazel I. Mellott

P.S. I agree with my wife's comments. Hang in there Mr. President and we'll be with you!

Walter B. Mellott

Speech Summary Views
DEAR MR. PRESIDENT

DURING THE PAST
WEEK WHILE YOU WERE AT
CAMP DAVID I WAS THINKING
WHAT IS OUR MAJOR PROBLEM.
I KNEW IT WASN'T ENERGY OR
INFLATION IT WAS DEEPER
THAN THESE. THEN LAST NIGHT
YOU HIT THE NAIL ON THE
HEAD. IT IS A "CONFIDENCE
CRISIS". WE, AS A PEOPLE HAD
LOSS THE WILL IT TAKE TO
SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS
THE PROBLEMS OF ENERGY
AND INFLATION ARE SOLVABLE,
BUT THE SOLUTIONS ARE NOT
FAST OR SIMPLISTIC. IF THE
PROBLEMS OF ENERGY AND INFLATION
HAD SIMPLE ANSWERS THEN THEY
WOULD NOT BE PROBLEMS.

DURING THE PAST YEAR,
AS THE ENERGY AND INFLATION
SITUATION DETERIORATED, YOU
DROPPED IN THE POLLS AND
THERE WAS TALK OF YOUR
FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP I
DISAGREE WITH THIS CONCLUSION
IN THE STRONGEST WAY. YOU
DID NOT FAIL MR. PRESIDENT
WE AS A PEOPLE FAILED,
FAILED TO ACT. JOHN STUART
MILLS SAID IT BEST WHEN
HE SAID: "THE WORTH OF A
STATE, IN THE LONG RUN, IS
THE WORTH OF THE INDIVIDUALS
COMPOSING IT."

LAST NIGHT YOU LAYED
OUT A PROGRAM TO DEAL
WITH OUR ENERGY PROBLEM AND
I SUPPORT IT BUT THAT IS NOT

ENOUGH, I MUST ACT. IF
THE NATION DOES NOT ACT
SELFISH INTERESTS WILL BLOCK
POLICIES THAT ARE IN THE
NATIONAL INTEREST

IF WE FAIL, MR
PRESIDENT, THE BLAME WILL
FALL ON THE NATION, NOT
ON YOU SIR.

Respectfully yours,

ROBERT RION

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43 Narragansett Rd.
Buffalo, New York 14220
Sunday, July 15

President James Carter
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C.
Dear Mr. President,

I just finished listening to your speech and I wanted to write you while it was still fresh in my mind.

I have never written an elected official before; I felt that you should be the first, since you are the person who will be responsible for a long succession of letters to my representatives from me from here on out.

I was one of the many people who did not feel you were doing a good job in the White House, who did not feel you were enough of a leader. I feel now that your only mistake is trying to play the Washington game according to Washington rules. You will never be able to do that, and in trying you looked incompetent. You are a good man, sir, and a good leader. But in your own way, your own style.

I am twenty years old. As a child, I was just old enough to understand the mistake of Viet Nam; as a youth, just naive enough to be heartbroken by the concepts involved in Watergate. But I still believe in America.

And there are alot of us, Mr. President, alot of people who still believe. But we are separated, isolated from each other by a society which doesn't encourage open enthusiasm for one's country. Soentimes all people need is an example to follow, someone to say, "I'm going, I'm caring, I believe-if you like, you can too".

~~Tonight you set that example, Mr. President. Keep on, because we need that now much more than we will ever need any amount of oil from anywhere. we need each other.~~

As to the steps you mentioned concerning energy, I fully support the outline you put forward tonight. It is time for bold measures. And I am now going to write my federal representatives, Henry Nowak and Senators Javitts and Moynihan instructing them to do anything they can to promote and aid your plans... November is coming for them, too.

If there is anything else I can do as a citizen, let me know. There are alot of us out here who would help if only we knew how.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



John F. Campbell Jr.



Speech given
Dear President Carter,

July 16, 1979

I am writing in response to your talks on the energy crisis, on both Sunday July 15, and Monday July 16. I am a 20 year old college senior at Fredonia State University of New York, and have been interested in politics ever since I have studied history in school. Your speech on the energy crisis went deep to the root of the problem. It's not only fuel energy that we lack, but also patriotic energy. Americans have lost, or severely lack that sense of faith, and belief in our country. I strongly believe that the lack of faith stems in the people's obsession with money, and the capitulation together. People need to believe more, and to work and I believe you have found the problems, and I believe you will work to build this nation to its highest potential. In listening to you I found faith and belief in you not only as a leader, but as a person.

I believe you are truly concerned with a nations problems, not just because its your job, but because you sincerely care. In listening to you I see now what our grandparents mean when they say that Roosevelt, or Truman were great men, I put you right up next to them. You carry those qualifications of a great leader, and more important a warm sensitive, caring person. You take the problems personally.

I have never voted before because I lost faith in our leaders, but if you run again I will gladly, and proudly place my vote for you.

Thank you for restoring my faith in many things.

Sincerely

Debra DeCastro
80 Deer Lake Drive
North Babylon N.Y.
11703

705 Pauline Ave.
Utica, New York 13502
April 15, 1979
11:30 pm

Dear Mr. Carter,

Prior to your speech I was prepared to give my political support to Ted Kennedy. Thank you for restoring the faith I first had in you at the time of your election.

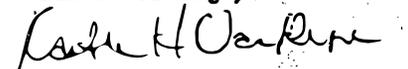
I had to write this note right away while the spirit you rekindled was still glowing the strongest within me.

I felt that your talk was the best political message our country has had in over a decade. I agree with you totally that American's have lost the confidence, pride, etc that was once ours. I also agree that it is time for us to stop being apathetic to the needs and responsibilities of our country and that we must not expect the President or anyone else to solve our problems if we do not work collectively on them. I do believe that we need a strong leader to help reunite our country and build that spirit within each of us and I truly hope that you will be the one to do that. You have my support. I believe in America, I love America and I am proud to be an American and I want to do all that I can as a citizen to help her remain that great country that she is. I felt ashamed that I have not kept a closer eye on the actions and voting habits of my legislators but I promise that that will change. I plan on letting them all know that I am a concerned American and that I will and do support our President totally.

I believe that your bond proposal is excellent. I will purchase as many as my budget will allow me when they become available. I will also try to diligently conserve the energy that my family uses daily. I will also look upon future energy related decisions including rationing with patience and belief that it is the most feasible method available at that time.

Thank you for being honest and sincere for us.

Yours truly,


Kathryn H. Van Duyn
D-NY

PS I enjoyed seeing you in Syracuse when you came to central New York.

Speech - Support Energy

Dear Mr. President,

I listened to your speech tonight and was very impressed with your thoughts. You mentioned that you wanted to hear from the American people. I am writing to you about 2 ideas I have that might spur the American people to conserve energy.

In order to give private citizens and businesses a personal incentive to not only hold energy consumption to today's levels but to cut back, I suggest that tax credits be given every citizen and business that cuts their energy consumption from last year's levels. Gas and electric companies keep these records in their computers and many Americans keep these records in their homes so the I.R.S. could easily check tax returns. If our citizens felt that they could be both patriotic and save money on their income tax at the same time I think we could see a dramatic saving of our energy.

You called this our energy war.
During W.W. II those families who had
sons in the war also had stories their
window to tell the world of their sacrifice.
Possibly a visual aid of this nature
could be used for those who had proven
that energy had been cut from last
years levels.

Your speech was the best I
ever heard you give. I liked the
firm quality of your voice. Our
Country needs that kind of firm
strong leadership.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Joan Esenberg
1612 Arbor View Rd.
Silver Spring Md.
20902

6238 Lafayette Way
Dallas, Texas 75230
July 15, 1979

President James E. Carter
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Mr. President:

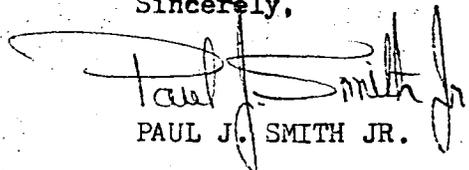
I think your speech this evening hit the nail on the head. While the energy crisis is our most obvious problem, the general malaise you describe is the one that has most concerned me over the past several years. I feel, as you apparently do, that excessive materialism and self-centerism are at the heart of our problems and our seeming unwillingness to solve them.

Like you, Mr. President, I feel that we have the ability and the will to turn around the trends of the past decade or so. More importantly, I believe that most of my fellow citizens are ready to make the sacrifices that you alluded to this evening and will respond to a strong program coupled with equally strong incentives - both positive and negative.

At the time you became governor of Georgia, I lived in Charlotte, North Carolina. Like most people, I had never heard of you. But I was impressed when you stated in your inaugural address that the time for racism was dead. Now, I thought, it is one thing for a liberal senator from a northern state to say that, but it takes real guts for a southern governor to say it. That same guts came through in your speech tonight. Keep it up.

I voted for you in 1976 and I plan to vote for you again. Contrary to what the public opinion polls say, I think you are a good president who has solved or taken the first steps in solving some extremely complex problems. You can count on me to help in anyway I can to achieve the goals you spelled out this evening.

Sincerely,


PAUL J. SMITH JR.

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Dear Mr. President;
I voted for you
and was so pleased
and optimistic when
you became president.
Lately, I've been very
disappointed in you,
because you were not,
in my opinion, doing
enough in the energy
and economy crisis.

I do not know what
caused you to come on

strong just now, but
I, m so glad you did,
because you restored
my faith in you, and
in your ability to
lead our Country. Thank
you, Sir.

God Bless you,

Sincerely

Mrs. Jan Creque.

P.S. We are behind you
All the Way.

P-46
Joyce Hemberger
30 Seminole Trail
Pensacola, FL 32506
(904) 455-8683

July 17, 1979

Mr. Jimmy Carter
White House
Washington, D. C. 20547

Dear Mr. Carter:

I just wanted to tell you how much your speech of July 15 meant to me. You talked about the kind of America that is in all the history books--the kind of America I have always loved and believed in. After your speech, I felt full of patriotism and tears came to my eyes. I just knew that my country was going to come through this present problem as she always has in the past--with flying colors and with no doubts as to our nation being the greatest on God's earth.

Since I came home from college this summer, I have been working in an office across town from my house. So inspired was I by your speech, that I was determined to help my country as much as I could. The next day I called our local transit system, Escambia Transit, and asked for a bus schedule that would get me to work at 9:00 a. m. and pick me up again at 5:30 p. m. The man I talked to said that in order to get to work by 9:00, I would have to catch the bus at 7:05 a. m. Two hours for a normally twenty to thirty minute drive is ridiculous, but I was willing to go that far in appreciation for all that this country has given me and to show my faith in the Presidency. I feel I should tell you that I did not vote for you, but I was so impressed by your speech and by the difficult job you must have trying to pull our citizens together that I felt I had to do my part to back you up. Then the man told me that he could not get me home because the last bus that I would need to transfer to leaves downtown at 5:45 p. m., and they could not possibly get me there in time. I would have to get off work at 4:45 p. m. to make that last connection, and that just is not possible.

So you see, Mr. President, many other people like myself may be trying to cut down on their consumption of gas, but like me, were met with insurmountable opposition. I truly believe that if the public transportation systems were more convenient, that people would take advantage of them. No one wants to pay \$1.00 a gallon for gasoline anymore than you want them to consume so much fuel, but it has become an unavoidable necessity in many cases. Cities have grown so large that walking is not practicle even if it was safe to do so, and since the public transportation systems are so poor, driving is the only alternative. Carpools are not the real answer--buses would be twice as conserving as carpools.

Thank you again for that speech. It certainly restored my confidence in the government of this country. I appreciate all that you are trying to do. I am only sorry that I cannot do more to help. I wish you wisdom, patience, and perseverance. You will be in my thoughts and prayers constantly.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Hemberger". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a prominent loop at the end of the last name.

Joyce Hemberger

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JIMMY CARTER
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON D.C.

Dear Mr. Carter,

I'm a Republican and until now I haven't really been a fan of yours. You seemed to lack the power to do what was needed concerning the great problems that our country faces.

Your speech showed new vigor and authority that you can command. I feel that the steps you outlined to relieve us of our foreign oil dependency are the first great steps to help our country out of its current apathetic decline. I agree with your concepts of alternative energy and strongly suggest a large tax break for people wishing to install solar energy devices on their homes.

once again I applaud you for your positive move to help us out of our most pressing problem. but I also hope that you can achieve something with our problem of massive govt. project and can cut out some of the massive waste.

Sincerely,

Glen Laird

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Jimie Carter
Whitehouse
Washington, D.C. 10001

Dear Mr. President:

As I listened to your speech on Sunday night I was impressed favorably and deeply and I promise to do all I can to implement the things you outlined that the person in my position and standing can and should do.

1. I will use less Gasoline and conserve energy in my home.
2. I will park my car one day a week (maybe two some weeks to make up for someone who cannot do this or will not do it.
3. I love my country and I spent 48 months in the pacific as a Navy man during World War II. I know a good word to put in for it anywhere there is criticism. That word is that this is the best country in the world and it is up to us to keep it that way by supporting its independence and measuring up when the hour comes.
4. If you ask me to do something I will do it.

I hope and pray that you find answers to meet the needs of this time and place and I believe you are a good and sincere man who has been pushed around too long.

Yours truly,

Roscoe Spence
Roscoe Spence.

P.S. I wrote you at the time you made your first energy speech and you sent me a copy of your energy program which Congress loved to death for you.

I am a retired newspaper editor.

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Dear President Carter:

I have just heard your speech this morning and last night and I think you were great. We've had too much talk and not enough action about the energy crisis. I think it was good for us to have to wait in gas lines because it made us think, and believe that the crisis might be real. Well I believe it and I hate to see people waste it. I hate to say it but I think most Americans are spoiled and lazy and depend too much on others. I hate depending on OPEC and I think they're taking advantage of us. I also know most Americans agree with me. I'm willing to help you and do almost anything to get out of their clutch.

My husband and I have lost so much confidence in our country over the past few years. We have a 1 year old boy and would love to have a second but we're scared of the future. You, Mr. Carter, have given us new confidence and we love your forceful image, so to show you the confidence we have in our country we'll have our second baby.

God be with you,

P.S. Thank-you also from our future
little Lucas or Missy

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July 15, 1979
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Dear Sir:

Congratulations —
your speech of July 15, 1979
was excellent.

I did not realize, the
last decade, had left
such wounds, that take
so long to heal, but
the examples you gave, brought
that you are right.

I had not been proud
of my country, for so long —
but I feel renewed — like
a pioneer; I have confidence
in your abilities as our
President! I feel people, have
mistaken your gentle nature
for inaction — but toughness
came through during your speech —
and I guess, that cars want
to get tough + pull together.
Bless you — Respectfully,
Paula L. Verlicco

TR *Speech Support*

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July 16, 1979

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

~~I have never before written a letter to any President but the power and urgency of your address to the nation last night has prompted me to do so today.~~

~~I applaud your courage and forthrightness in addressing the problems of our nation, and the broad encompassing scope of your analysis. Your restraint of the natural but counter-productive impulse to look for easy scapegoats is especially to be commended.~~

~~I cannot agree more when you say the nation desperately needs forceful moral and spiritual leadership. WE DO NOT NEED A TECHNICIAN FOR A PRESIDENT! We need the kind of tough leadership you displayed last night. This was I think your greatest promise as a candidate, and I am sorry to say I think it has been your greatest failing as President. The man we saw last night was the man we voted for 3 years ago, and the man we have seen precious little of since then.~~

~~What you are doing now is just what we need. Please keep it up. Hire technicians to take care of technical matters, and use your greatest strengths to lead us on a more general and philosophical level. We did not elect you to be a technician. We elected you to be a leader, and to address the broader questions which imperil this country.~~

~~Be tough. This is no time to play it safe. Both the state of the union and your own political fortunes are such that bold and imaginative and daring action is the only thing that can help now.~~

~~Your major task is to whip up the people to a "war" mentality and keep us there. Your speech last night was a beginning, but its psychological effects will wear off quickly. You will have to remind us over and over what is at stake--the very security of our nation. As a people we have an enormous capacity for sacrifice and cooperation, but we have grown fat and lazy over the past few years. One speech, however powerful, will have no lasting effect. I think you should go on TV about once a week to give a report on our progress in this battle and to give us more of the powerful leadership you demonstrated last night..~~

~~I pray that you have found yourself. I pray that you can lead this country to find itself as well. We stand at the brink of disaster, and we need you desperately.~~

Sincerely,

David B. Clark

2114 Reservoir Street
Calverton, Connecticut 06415
July 23, 1979

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Dear President Carter,

I support you in this most difficult national endeavor. Your recent speech was but a reflection of the one mind and heart of our nation. You have found the key which will unlock the door to the most abundant source of energy the Earth possesses — the energy of mankind.

I support your decision to follow the dictates of your own mind. As a philosopher-of-sorts I have seen the nation for years in the image of the Prodigal Son longing to return home. The nation yearns for the sacrifice of false values and looks to you to teach them the needed discipline. This is the "secret" of your election and will be, if you act, the "secret" of your re-election. The nation elected a spiritual leader for a definite reason. Mr. President, the press and "Washington" are few, the people many.

I would further underscore the importance of the U. U. as a close advisor as the timely visit of Pope John Paul II brings that most important organization to the fore. May I point out to you that the U. U. stressed the need for alternate energy resources in 1961 but the seed fell on fallow ground.

Godspeed you in your task, our prayers and hearts are with you.

Most sincerely
Rose Marie Kavaoko

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President Jimmy Carter
c/o The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

I am not in the habit of making immediate responses to speeches dealing with public policy, but tonight I am making an exception. I have just heard your speech dealing with our energy problem (7-15-79), and I must congratulate you. You revealed the true source of the problems facing our nation when you reminded us that so many of us lack faith in our ability, as a nation, to shape our future.

After listening to you tonight, Mr. President, I feel a real sense of encouragement at your attempt to restore our nation's spirit and to renew our faith in ourselves. For what it's worth, sir, you have my support and my promise to try to convince others to support you as well.

Sincerely yours,
Ken Poirier
Ken Poirier

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July 15, 1979

Jimmy Carter, President
The White House
Washington, DC.

Dear Mr. President,

This letter may never cross your personal desk, but I have just listened intently to your speech to our nation on energy, and from the sincere and strong delivery as I perceived it, I honestly felt you care about how I feel as an average American housewife.

I, too, am from Georgia, having been reared in Atlanta. There was a certain amount of pride when our country elected its President from my own State of Georgia. Tonight I again felt that pride renewed as you touched on what I have felt for some time, as a basic ingredient of our current problem — a general lack of patriotism and confidence in the future of our country. You spoke to the heart of these problems tonight with an urgency in your delivery and words which made me feel a surge of optimism for our country.

So often, in the past, I (and my husband) have felt alone in our feeble attempts at energy conservation. We tried to cut our thermostats down, walk when we could, &

impress upon our two daughters (ages 11 + 13) the need to conserve in our daily lives. Yet we viewed everywhere around us total disregard from others for the need to conserve, even sacrifice to a small extent, for the good of the future of our country. There seemed to be no unifying spirit; no desire to pull together, no patriotism. Tonight you spoke to these very matters & reminded us as you have in the past, that everyone's efforts are worth something.

Tonight as I go to bed, I feel more optimistic about our country's future than I have in a long time. I believe we can & will resolve not only the energy crisis but the far deeper crisis of international and national confidence. You have certainly stirred the embers of patriotism in me - & I, in turn, will be better able to continue to instill this in my own family.

We pray continually for you, Mr. President. Your responsibility to our country is overwhelming, & only with God's help can you hope to lead our nation. We feel you rely very heavily upon God's guidance, so we feel you will appreciate - even desire - the prayers of all people for you.

Sincerely,
Charlene O. Woods

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Dear Mr. President:

Our family gathered this evening to hear your speech, and we offer you and our Nation the following commitment. Although we live in a part of California where it becomes very hot, we will never again use our air conditioner. We will find an alternate source for staying cool. Our furnace will remain operable only those months when it becomes necessary to remain warmer than the outside temperature for health reasons. At this writing, our furnace is disconnected, and the pilot light is out.

Like many families in California, we are dependent on the automobile. Lynn, our high school senior has agreed to bicycle to school (Proposition 13 took the buses away). Our boys in college have concurred with the need to car pool back and forth.

I have used company stationary to write you purposefully. I intend to petition the company for an energy plan which will keep our sales goal intact, but take the cars off the road every Friday. If we succeed in this, the object lesson could be significant.

In all fairness, Mr. President, I must confess we did not vote to support you as our president. But if you will lead us as you have this evening so stated, we will not only support you, but we in turn will lead from our humble home in Danville.

The blessings of Our Lord be upon your project -- our project!

Sincerely,
A. Brown

July 16, 1979

Office of the President
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to you today in response to your recent energy speech, which I read in today's New York Times. Before I comment on the actual speech, I just want to tell you that this is my first letter to any President and that should tell you something.

For the first time, in too many years, the feeling of leadership and confidence and unity is being projected from your office and is being received. I congratulate you for you have gotten through!! The information given and the proposed solutions are straightforward, feasible and even somewhat palatable. I do not know how much of the population heard or read your speech, but for the sake of the nation I hope it was many.

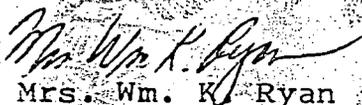
You have asked for recommendations from the people and here are my two. Firstly, promote a "personal power" campaign to eliminate all of the so-called "energy saving" devices from the average home, such as electric can openers, electric knives, roll warmers etc. and get people to use their own energies instead. I am sure that the resources, both financial and intellectual could be put to better uses than to create these nonsense products. Secondly, can you enforce the large and small stores in the cities to shut off their store lights, both inside and out, during the night? How many customers would they lose if their lights were not not after eight or nine o'clock? I think very few.

Please consider not only my humble ideas, but
all of those which I am sure the public will
be sending you.

The woman in Pennsylvania was right when she
said that we feel a bit remote from the
government. The time to communicate is now!

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely yours,



Mrs. Wm. K. Ryan
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My Dear Mr. President:

Your speech tonight on the energy crisis was excellent and inspiring. You located the energy problem in its true context: the spiritual struggle of this nation. Our waste of energy and natural resources is the direct result of attitude which seeks ultimate good in material things as you observed in your speech.

My thermostat is set at 80°; I've learned the pleasure of walking; I'm swimming in the pool instead of traveling to the shore.

I eagerly await the issue of energy bonds. I believe other Americans await them too. You have promised us a concrete way of response. I believe the response will be enthusiastic.

Respectfully yours
Mark F. Lund

Kermit W. White
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Mr. President;

That was the finest speech, I have ever heard from any President of my time. You hit the problem right on the nose, confidence. Americans that I know are all very negative on America, now and in the future.

There is not one problem, that we are facing today, that can be solved without attitudes changing. People seem as if they just don't care. They feel that they will get by without trying any harder. More and more people I work with come to work to get there paycheck and not wanting to put any extra effort out to get it. Let's try to get all the people to give out just a little extra to get them on there feet and the rest of us.

I am a 24 year old, married man, with 2 children, who works for a progressive feed dealership. I have worked there 3 years and am now assistant manager. I have found in my young wife that if you just give 100% most of the time and 110% the rest of the time you will succeed. Like myself and business I work for, this country need everyone giving that 100% and 110% to get us out of our problem.

Mr. President, could you please tell me what I can do to help you? I really feel your doing your best, but you need help from some Americans to convince the rest of us it's not just governments fault it's our fault. Let's work on this problem together.

Keep up the good work,
Kermit W. White

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Monday - July 16, 1979

The President
White House
Washington, D.C. 20013

Dear Mr. President:

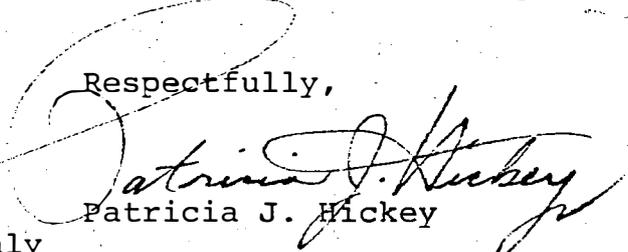
Your talk last evening to the American people was most pertinent and inspirational.

I, for one, am happy that someone "high-up" has finally spoken out--has finally come to the point as to what is ailing this great country. Like any problem, once it is recognized as a problem, then direct steps can be taken toward solving it. Americans have always been problem solvers, and generally anywhere from excellent to magnificent in a crisis, if our past history is any criteria.

If you continue your efforts to pull the people together to fight, as it were, a common enemy (in this instance apathy and disillusion with government), then we should all make greater strides in the future than we have even in the past. A campaign--with a definite goal--put before the people (as you did last evening) will hopefully result in the nation coming together as a people, as we have in past crises (notably W.W.II when everyone did everything he could to strengthen the country and which inevitably resulted in a nation of strong-willed individuals working together as a close-knit, strong unit.

Hopefully your talk of last evening will be recognized by the people as a rallying call -- if all are aware of the facts and of the urgency of the situation(s), then all will respond and renew their effort.

Respectfully,


Patricia J. Hickey

P.S. Apparently I'm not the only one impressed by your talk...judging from the comments heard on my way to work this morning (I stop for coffee on the way in and the coffee shop seems to be similar to the old-time cracker barrel of the country--i.e., ideas and comments, pro and con, are thoroughly aired and discussed)...everyone I talked with thought you spoke well and to the point....all agree that you are a good administrator, and are finally emerging as a good leader as well....

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July 15, 79

Dear President Carter

10:30 p.m.

I have wrote other letters to you to gripe about things, now I am writing to say, you have ^{given} gave a wonderful speech tonight. It was the best. I have every respect for you and what you said, you told it like it is I hope everyone takes what you said to heart and I certainly will try to conserve.

I know the pressure you are under must be terrible. It seems as if we look around and think no body else is trying to conserve so why should I but we have to start with our selves and pass our standards on to others. It certainly isn't fair to blame the government and you about certain things, but some of those people in office could care less as long as their pockets are full.

I hope you read this but probably an aide will, instead so I have wasted my time I guess. I will always have kind thoughts of you and know you do your best.
May God Bless you and your total family
Sue Pollitt

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July 15, 1979

P. Ward
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Dear Mr. President;

In listening to your speech tonight I was relieved
some what that our Country could pick itself up and start back
building a strong nation. I have been very concerned these past
months on the 'why' of another country dangling the oil threat
over us. We've always been an independent Country- able to con-
quer any crisis, Why should we stop now! Why should we send our
hard earned American dollars elsewhere but within our own Country.

I've been concerned with Congress in that, Our first
and most important concern in this Country is freedom- Therefore
the welfare of our Country should come before anyone's Personal
interest in OIL INVESTMENTS.

I feel you're a good President - you feel the response
of the people- Now you've got to follow through with your plans
such as the programs of finding our own resources, keeping our
dollar in our Country- giving us more confidence in our Government
and ourselves. You've got to be firm in your decisions and with
Congress. My family and I will help conserve on energy and we will
start saying more nice things about our Country, because it really
is a beautiful place to live!

Sincerely,



Pamela Ward

Tom, Joan, Kimberly and Jennifer
Sp - STU + Ques

July 15, 1979
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Dear President Carter,

As my wife and I sat listening to your appeal to all of us, we are urged to write and contribute our support to your efforts. We fully realize your concern and your hours of hard work in preparing your energy plan. We are certain that all your letters are filled with questions and advice and in order that we do not disappoint you, here is our advice. As you are a religious man you will without doubt remember, "Keep Holy The Sabbath". We were all taught this commandment from childhood. That commandment is in four short words our advice. We are in our late 30's and remember the good old days when Sunday was a day of rest and mass and family. Along with your speech and belief that Americans now identify with what they own and not who they are, we believe that part of the cause is that people work and shop seven days a week and can only buy because they have money and no longer have time to love and share. Our advice will not answer our need to develop our own source of energy but it will help us conserve our present energy while technology is developed. Our question is this. Would it not be a very easy way to conserve if unnecessary businesses were asked to close on Sundays? A very small analysis of my parents business, of a few years ago, and a neighbors drug store, we contend that people will spend more either Saturday or Monday. Although that does not curb inflation, I can only imagine the energy saved by closing our local shopping malls and grocery and service stations etc. If one multiplied that across our nation it would seem a phenomenal saving of energy both in heating or air conditioning and just fuel used by individuals going to and from work. We could go on and on but it is only the idea that we would like to suggest. Not only might it help in our conservation efforts but it might help the family re-identify as the families of old. May God Bless you and your efforts.

Sincerely
Tom, Joan, Kimberly and Jennifer

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July 15, 1979
10:45 P.M.

Dear Mr. President,

I just watched your speech to the American people regarding the bringing together of the people to fight this "war" against energy and inflation.

Mr. President, I would like to say that I have never seen a President show so much backbone — so much courage and integrity.

As I watched your speech I was very moved in the way that you humbled yourself before the American people. You admitted you weren't perfect, but then again, you never said that you were perfect. I feel that, perhaps, for a short time you lost touch with the people. Yet, your Camp David Summit seems to have been the most successful in your attempts to find a course for America to take. You admit to having shortcomings, yet you showed that you want to pick yourself up, check for bruises, and truly lead

this country in the right direction.

Mr. President, I do admire you!

As I watched you lay out the route which we, the American people, must take, I couldn't help smiling.

If only someone had had the sense to do that five, ten, even twenty years ago, just think of all the headache and suffering that this nation would have been spared.

I've never felt so strongly about any political subject as I do about the energy situation.

Five years ago I was trying to make my classmates see that the sun will one day be our main source of energy, yet I could not make them understand.

Of course, it's hard to make thirteen year olds see the coming crisis.

Yes, I'm only eighteen now, and I want to be able to live and prosper in a land where the people work together to help one another and to see that our energy supplies never dwindle.

This fall I will be a sophomore at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky. I'm majoring in pre-medical studies and I hope to become a cardiac surgeon. I don't know if my dream will ever be realized. I'm not from a rich family. I live with my great-aunt in a low-income housing development. My aunt works as the cafeteria manager at the Henry County Middle School. I would not be able to go to college were it not for scholarships and government grants. I want to become a doctor so I can help people. I can combine my love for humanity and my knowledge of physical science to help my fellow man.

It will be many years before I will be able to help people as a doctor. But I can help every man, woman, and child in this great nation by following your energy plan and urging others to do likewise.

Mr. President, I want you to

know that you have my full support and I will support you in the '80 election. I will even campaign for you if that be my calling.

I know that the next few years will be "lean" years. Many Americans will not understand what you are doing. Yet, they shall soon "see the light", follow your direction, and we shall once again enjoy the simple lifestyle of our forefathers. The simplicity of strong faith in God, government, and ourselves. John F. Kennedy once said, "I believe in an America that is moving, choosing, doing, dreaming. A strong America in a world of peace." I also believe this.

Mr. President, I totally support you. If you ever want the opinion of a little ole pre-med student from Kentucky or if you ever need anything, don't hesitate to ask. May God bless and keep you in His loving care.

Friendship,

Iwen Oller

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July 15, 1979

Mr. Jimmy Carter
President of the U.S.A.
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for having the courage to speak out forcefully tonight on your conception of the real problems in America today.

I agree whole-heartedly that we have become a self-centered, hedonistic people, and that if we allow this to continue, our future will closely parallel that of ancient Rome.

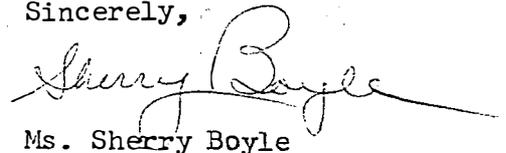
As a teacher of junior-high learning disabled students in a suburban California community, I feel that the schools are a real reflection of society. Teachers, like presidents, have been knocked off the pedestals of prestige they used to enjoy in the community. Many children demonstrate a deep disrespect for public property by continually littering, mutilating, and burning their educational facilities. School districts, boards of education, administrators and teachers have lost credibility with the public. Many good educators are now lucratively employed in other fields. Educator morale is at an all-time low.

We do need a cause to bring us together. If it is energy, then so be it. Whatever the "cause", though, it needs to affect everyone's life on a daily, personal level. Let there be gas rationing, brownouts, and whatever else is necessary to affect the lives of the rich and the vast middle class, as well as the poor. Otherwise, they will buy their way through this crisis as they have others and emerge unscathed. The rich grumble but continue to buy gas -- all they need and want. The poor are forced to leave whatever cars they have at home.

Our life styles must be turned around. You are so right -- things do not buy happiness. There is a vast void left unfilled. And America runs compulsively from one toy to another in a futile search to fill that void.

Hand in there, Mr. President, and stay as strong as you sounded tonight. God be with you.

Sincerely,



Ms. Sherry Boyle

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17 JUL 1979

Dear Mr. President

Our family listened to your speech on 15 JUL 79 and we wholly support your efforts. Americans need to be constantly reminded of the values which form the basis of our freedom. We hope you continue to speak out on this subject and enlist others to do the same.

As for our part, we left our car in the garage on Monday and I am working on a long range study to develop new technology for the steel industry using low grade coals.

We feel it is important for people to say good things about America. We were very upset with the major television stations who brought on people to cut down your speech for their own political gain. It was exactly what you said was our problem - self interest groups cutting away at progress. If America is to survive, the news media must become more responsible. We must get good things about America into the news regularly.

Mr. President, we did not vote for you in the last election but we would vote for you today. We support your leadership. We feel this country is a great place to live. We feel we can beat energy and inflation. Our prayers are with you.

Sincerely

James & Jeanine Lepinski
and family

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July 16, 1979

Mr. James E. Carter, President
United States of America
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I have never written to the President of the United States before, but I feel I must congratulate you on the most inspiring speech I have ever heard you make. What you told the American People last evening was the exact truth. You made no promises, but you told it like it really is. I commend you.

But I must admit, Mr. President, that I am as guilty as the next in having a certain degree of apathy about the "future" of our nation. It is VERY hard to have the "faith" that you have in our future, our government, and our economy. Simple citizens like myself are so far removed from the political arena, and have so little control over what actually happens vs. what is promised will happen, that it is hard to shirk the cloud of apathy that hangs over our head.

I praise you for limiting the dependence upon foreign oil. This nation should be dependent upon NO OTHER COUNTRY IN THE WORLD to the extent that an embargo can result in such chaos. I will do my part to conserve energy. I will encourage others to do likewise. But, Mr. President, I would encourage you to investigate thoroughly the oil companies of our own nation. Can you tell me why there are hundreds of oil wells in northern Michigan which are now capped off, and just last year were pumping out hundreds (if not thousands) of barrels of oil per day? Why is American oil exported when there is such an evident need for it here? Because American oil companies want more money! And, in deed, money is the name of the game. If I had my own business, I would also want/need to make money. But American oil companies have such a great control over the market, and obviously get by with it, that Joe Smith, average American Citizen, finds it hard to believe there is REALLY a current shortage of oil! I find it extremely hard to believe. Diesel fuel prices now match the price of gasoline. It takes about half the refining process to make diesel fuel as it does gasoline. Why does it cost so much? Because there is now a demand; diesel powered automobiles are more common because of mileage, etc., and the old marketing strategy of supply and demand intervenes. Why is this allowed to be? Cannot the government of our country control this monopoly that oil companies have?

I will renew my faith in the American Government when a thorough and HONEST investigation is completed - in a timely manner - of the oil companies and their policies. They quite efficiently drive the prices up and create a shortage - their business is booming while the rest of the economy suffers. This is unjust. There should be not one single oil well in this entire country sitting idle if there is such a severe shortage. Why are they allowed to do so?

In closing, Mr. President, I would again like to commend you for an inspiring speech. But remember, Mr. President, that you, and very few of your associates, will ever really feel the pinch of the energy shortage. By the very nature of the economic brackets established in this country, the rich never feel the pinch, you yourself said more aid would be given to the poor during this "crisis", and therefore, it is again the middle class Joe Smith, Average American Citizen, who continues to suffer and slide down the ladder of economic stability. I belong to that class of Joe Smith's, and I don't like what is happening to me and my family.

I will conserve energy, and support your policies. But I look to you to take a strong stand against big business running the country into such a fiasco. You cannot ask the American people to conserve and change their lifestyles, without also demanding that big business change their profit margins and relinquish some of the control they have over the entire economy.

Sincerely,



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July 16, 1979

President Carter
Washington DC.

Dear Mr. President:

Your speech on Sunday
evening was great and
powerful. It should have
impressed everyone of the
serious situation we are in.

I am an old lady - 76 -
and I can recall the
speeches of World War I and II,
by leaders of those days.
There was much evidence
all over of patriotism then.
We need it now. But it
shouldn't take wars to make
folks show love of country.
It's a beautiful country
from east to west - from
north to south.

Perhaps it takes a crisis
like this to shake folks up
a bit. Your wonderful

speech should do just
that.

Best wishes and
Thank you.

Sincerely
Elsa E. Garypie
(Mrs. William J.)

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SUNDAY, July 15, 1979
(Immediately after your T.V.
Talk at 7:00 P.M. P.D.T.)

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. President:

With regard to your talk tonight, which we intently listened to in every detail, we can only say Bravo!, Bravo!, Mr. Carter. The leadership which so many, including us, have been awaiting for this great and wonderful country of ours appears to have been rekindled by you through your message to all Americans. A strong, positive leadership that will redevelop a cohesive, united American society, as opposed to the fractionalized, selfish groups into which we seem to be drifting, is so urgently needed by this wonderful country of ours.

As two mature (senior citizens, if you prefer) citizens, we would do whatever we were able to contribute to the purchase of Energy Development Savings Bonds (to develop our own natural resources (shale oil, coal, etc.) as outlined by you, as we did with U.S. War Bonds during World War II, so as to free our country from dependence on foreign sources of energy.

May we also suggest Mr. President,
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that you not be sidetracked from your stated goals and objectives by what appeared to us as narrow interpretations of your speech by members of the media (so called experts) immediately following the conclusion of your talk this evening. It would also be helpful if the Congress, as a whole, would remember that they represent the interests of the United States as a whole and not as narrow regional selfish interests if the future of our great country is to endure.

Our only regret, Mr. President, is that you did not have sufficient time to solicit the opinions of those more mature citizens (often referred to in our present society as senile, passé, etc., etc.) who have seen and lived with our country through at least World War II, Korea, The Great Depression, Vietnam, etc., and still believe ours is the greatest country that ever existed and want it to continue in that direction. Again, Bravo to you Mr. President.

Sincerely Yours,
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Mrs. Joyce Northrop

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July 16, 1979

Dear President Carter

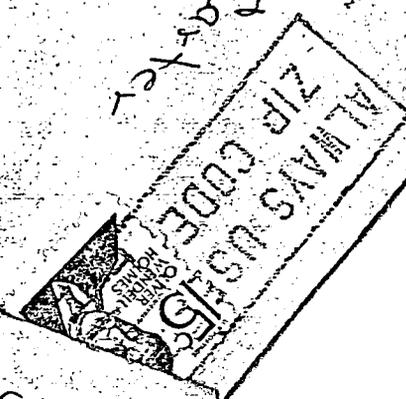
I just wanted to write and let you know that my family is behind you 100%. The biggest asset you have is your love of God and with his devine help I feel confident you will lead our country through this crisis.

You hit the nail right on the head when you said the moral fiber of our people is decaying. People like myself are just as much to blame as anyone else for this because we sit back and accept what's going on around us. With this realization I personally will be on guard not to tolerate such behavior any more.

My prayers are with you as you lead us down that road to



Jimmy Carter
House
D.C.



energy independence and
love.

If you ever travel near
Danbury Conn please feel free
to stop in and visit. You are
always welcome in my house.

Sincerely,

Joyce Northrop

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President Carter:

I listened closely to your speech last night, slept on it, awakened to your Monday morning talk, & now have a brighter, ever-more-determined outlook for the future of our nation and the potential for my children's lives.

You gave us exactly what we needed. You told us strongly exactly what we needed to do, and insured us that your determination WILL! lead us in this "moral equivalent of war."

Thank you ever so much. Now we are at least "on a track" and know what to do & where to go. Keep yelling at us & TELL us what must be done.

I am a 30-year-old lower middle class homeowner with a wife & 2 children. I & my entire family are died-in-the-wool Republicans. But with this kind of strong leadership we may be forced to cross party lines, should you continue in this manner, & choose to run again.

Don't let Kennedy or anyone else dissuade you in your efforts. Stay on our backs, get tough, DO WHAT MUST BE DONE! Thanks for turning into a strong President.

Sincerely,
Steve Burleson

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July 15, 1979

Dear President Carter,

I have just seen your address to the public on television. I am writing to tell you that was the best oration I have heard in a long time. You have given me faith in you as the leader of our country.

I imagine everyone in this country feels as I do. Hopefully, your speech tonight was just what we need to destroy our apathy, to make this country what it once was and what it always shall be.

You spoke tonight of Vietnam, Watergate, and the murders of some very special people. I firmly believe that what is past is past, and that we can withstand anything.

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Congratulations, Mr. President,
on a truly inspiring delivery,
and on the beginning of a new
trend of enthusiasm as we phase
out the supineness of the majority
of American opinions.

Although I live in a small
town, and am simply an ordinary
citizen, I want to help this country
back to solid ground again, and
to see American pride
once again - just as strong as it
possibly can be.

Mr. President, if there is any
thing I can do to help, please
let me know.

Sincerely,
~~Patricia L. Gurney~~
Patricia L. Gurney

John F. Glowacki, Jr.
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Dear President Carter,

Recently, my family and I hosted two cadets from the Polish tall ship, Dar Pormorza for an evening. During their visit, we discussed their impressions of Americans, and of America in general. Many of their impressions were similar to yours. They mentioned excessive materialism, but also stressed the basic goodness of Americans. After their visit, I reflected on America, and found that our country is still great, and that despite the problems we are facing, the quality of life we enjoy is still the best. In addition, I, too discovered our future can be bright, if, as you said, we get together, make sacrifices, and take firm action to solve the energy problem for the long term and the short.

I'd like to tell you that I am writing this letter after seeing your address, and am very impressed. This is the first time you have appeared firm, determined, and unbending in your goals for the country. You seem to have finally taken charge, and become a Leader, rather than an advisor. I agreed with your six points, and very seriously hope you stick to them. Mr President, continue to lead, and indeed we will follow, as a country no longer afraid to act, but rather, as one which is confident in its judgement and in its goodness.

I firmly believe that by firmly taking a stand on the energy issue, we can begin to get over our loss of confidence resulting from Viet Nam, and by not only saying we'll do it RIGHT NOW, we will pave the way for decisive action on other issues, particularly foreign policy. Mr. President, on all fronts, take strong action, and don't renig on it. Make it count, make it "solid as the dollar". If you do this, the country will remain strong, and will continue, and improve upon its prestige, and dominance on the international front. We again, will speak softly, and carry a strong, dependable, respected, and effective "stick".

As an Extemporaneous Speaker, and occasional Debater, I have closely followed your administration, and its successes and failures. I have

both supported and opposed many of your programs, but have always believed that you have consistently done what you believed to be right, and in your integrity. The victory for peace in the Mideast pleased me immeasurably, since I had spoken on the situation countless times and was well aware of the awesomeness of the "potholes" along the "road to peace".

Best wishes in the future,
yours truly,

John Glusacki

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July 17, 1979

President Jimmy Carter
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Carter,

I am writing to express my support of the actions you have taken and the proposals you have made. I have written to my senators and my Congressman to urge them to give you their support. For our part, we have turned our thermostat up to 80° (it was already at 78°), and we have cut back our consumption of gasoline.

We are willing to make changes in our lifestyle in order to obtain a more secure future for our children (7 year old Jenny and 4 year old Adam.) We were quite struck by what you said about past generations of Americans always expecting a brighter future for their children. My husband and I have very real fears that this will not be true for our children.

We have been quite alarmed by the low opinion the rest of the world holds of us as a nation and as a people. Your actions, I hope, will show them that we still possess the courage and daring that typified the early Americans. (I have often marveled at the sheer audacity of a man like John Adams.)

We are beginning to hear an outcry from environmentalists over coming increases in synthetic fuel production. We feel that certain priorities exist due to the urgency of the situation: first, increase the production; second, upgrade the environmental factors. I care about clean air and water, but first things first!

I would like to see ~~something~~ done about the railroads. I'd like to see you nationalize them if you think you could do it. Better mobilized railroads would help break the stranglehold I believe trameters have on the public (in their affects on inflation). I also understand this could cut energy usage.

I am hoping you will get support from Congress. ~~I believe~~ you will get the support of most average Americans as they, like us, feel that it is time for a sense of right and wrong to rule the day rather than a sense of what will bring the most monetary gain.

I pray God will grant his help.

Sincerely,
Sheryl L. Shreve

Sun Night

July 15

Dear President Carter,

I just listened to your speech on the radio and I want to express to you my feeling of excellence about it. You came right to the heart of the problem. I am a 20 yr old physics major and a great deal of my time is spent learning how to solve problems. The lessons I've learned are that ~~to~~ talk is cheap; it is easy to sit around and complain and hope someone ~~to~~ else does the work for you. But once you get off your duff; and just begin to work a little, you (or at least ~~of~~ S) continue to amaze myself at how much progress can be made. This sort of action ~~inspires~~ inspires confidence in oneself.

Your speech hit it right on the nose. No matter what the resources you have ~~available~~ available to you; if you don't have the confidence; you ~~won't~~ won't even begin.

The other topic of speech was equally important; Goals. In terms of problem solving, you have to know what you have accomplished and how before you can go on. One you have a clear, defined goal insight, then are you able to muster your abilities and

imagination to help reach it.

Here would be my only suggestion to you. Perhaps you could have a "short-term energy goal news conference" every 2 weeks or month or so.

This would be to show the American people and the world that ^{the} things people & companies & ~~governments~~ governments are doing are right. An example might be ^{to} ~~see~~ you would come on & say "In the past month 5 states held their fuel imports steady and 2 reduced theirs."

Nothing big in the terms world shattering energy news, but the people would get the feeling that little by little the problems were being ~~but~~ ^{under} understood. This would hopefully lead to a snowball effect in terms of \mathbb{E} confidence & moral.

Right off the top of my head I would say a real big problem of yours is the trouble you have with Congress. While no one is perfect, you impress me as a man who is trying; that's what counts. But when Congress, the leaders of the country, say we are looking for leadership from you, when they should be doing just as much leading & innovating as you, you know something's wrong.

You should have a speech just to bitch at Congress. Name names, ~~at~~ use dirty ~~language~~ language; but they are a problem.

In closing, you made an excellent
speech. As an American & a sincere ~~my~~ mayor,
I will try to do my best to help. You have
my confidence & strength at your disposal.

Yours Truly

Doug Sheldon
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July 16, 1979

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Dear Mr. President,

I'm sorry this letter is not more formal but I just listened to your speech and was very impressed. I just have this one thing to say. I wished you'd come on S.V. at least twice a month ~~to~~ with a speech just as strong if you could pound it in our heads that you mean business and will lead I know for a fact that most everyone will follow and do their part in conserving energy at what ever that cost will be. I've never written a president before but yet I'm pro America more than most people. I hope you read this letter. I'm 31 years old married with one child. I work for Southern Bell Telephone and for the most part pretty average person. I vote every election local, state, or national and believe

very strongly in the power of
the vote. I love America very
much and thank God that we
was lucky enough to be born
here. I have some college education
but you probably can't tell from
the spelling in this letter and the
grammar. But I was and am
so excited about your speech that
couldn't wait you write you
a letter and give you a vote
of confidence because its about
time ~~we~~ we had someone that
could lead us and yet humble
enough to admit his mistakes.

My husband is also going
to write you and give you
his views which are far more
logical than mine but are really
~~great~~ great. I'm very emotional.
What a mess this letter is ~~but~~
but I just had to write it
now. Thank you for your wonderful
speech. My whole family loves
you alot and will help you in
any way we can.

I just hope Congress will help you they can be stubborn. I know its very hard to please them and special ~~and~~ interest groups and you have a very hard job but the American People are behind you and will take care of our Congressman and Senators by writing them too. Because they represent us and if enough of us write them maybe they will vote the way the people that they represent want them to vote.

Very Truly Yours

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Fairly from Ohio
Good luck!

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July 16, 1979

The President
Washington
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Dear Mr. President:

Congratulations on a speech well written and well delivered!
Last night, in your speech, you put your finger on some of the very things that have been troubling many people for a long time, such as the "gap" between the average citizen and an elected official in high office. And the erosion of the American spirit. I have always felt light-years away from the very people I vote for, and the loss of confidence in my government has made me wary and cynical. And I don't like this. I want to be trusting and have faith in my government and its chosen leaders.

I feel that I am probably speaking for many people, as my husband and I would be considered to be middle-class, average citizens. He is manager of a chain supermarket and I work at a Planning and Development District. My husband and I are 42 and 38 years of age, respectively, have two children, two automobiles, one house, attend Church regularly, and are very energy-conscious.

I am sure that in the 1940's and 50's, when I was growing up in a small East Texas town, my parents never doubted that life for their children would be better than, or at least as good as, their lives. As you said, today this just is not true. I don't like to think what life might be like for our two little daughters in fifteen or twenty years if something doesn't happen to change our direction.

Today, I feel somewhat better about this area of my life, and I sincerely hope that the measures you are taking will be the right ones and will help to restore faith in our government.

Thank you for being honest about our situation, and for doing your best in what is probably the world's most difficult job. Our prayers are with you.

Sincerely,

Gail Bragg
(Mrs. James R.)

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July 16, 1979

Dear President Carter:

Thank you for last night's coverage in asking people to essentially be less selfish and more concerned for all America not just their own smaller interests. Chicago, as you know, spoke at its last election to its leaders saying that we wanted to change a system which provided for the few (Daley-Blandi) Counting of downtown business at the expense of service to the neighborhoods and non-privileged residents in general.

The only "sacrifice" we need from people is for them to give up television commercial false definition of necessities appliances using energy resources not as labor saving (I'm a working woman & know what saves me labor), but as status gadgets, and I include fast cars, empty airplanes (to maintain monopoly routes), etc.

I was in London a few years ago during the "first" energy crisis and the stores had no fewer customers for turning off display lights and dimming interior lights. (By the way I had the money to travel all over the U.S. and overseas, because I don't have: car, air conditioning, freezer, washing machine, dishwasher, stereo, color TV, microwave oven, boat, and therefore have a lot of extra money although I've never made more than \$1200.00 a year next year perhaps you can deal with women and other minorities).

But thank you again starting to deal with the moral questions of at what & whose expense we are spending our country's resources

Judith Cross

P.S. For your "statistics" I am a registered Republican, & member of Common Cause, & of NOW.