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Dear Stu,

I was by and large happy with the platform draft, but especially pleased to see the reference to:

"...decisions affecting Social Security benefits should be based on objectives of the Social Security program, rather than on decisions primarily due to their impact on the Federal budget." (p. 49)

I know (and don't ask me how I know) that the Kennedy people would like nothing more than to attack the President for any failure to express such a philosophy in his Platform draft.

I'm taking the liberty to send a copy of this note to the President as a way of showing my concern over this point.

RAL SHIFFRARD

6/12/80

cc: The President
DATE: 12 JUN 80
FOR ACTION: Eth ElizaSTAT
FROM: VWORDS
INFO ONLY: Tim McIntyre

SUBJECT: PRESSLY LETTER RE REQUEST FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS AFTER PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

John Piper's draft answer from Anne:
President 10 appeal meeting:
① President not meeting with Scholars - out-of-town in June 30
② No on expanding program for 80-82
③ Tell him our program for 80-82

who is meeting with HuskerB or whatever.

M.M. Olson
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Fran Wood
Phil Wise
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Rick Hutchinson in per an direction
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[Signature]

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR VISIT TO WASHINGTON, D.C. TO RECEIVE THE PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS MEDALLION. DETAILS OF YOUR VISIT WILL BE PROVIDED TO YOU SHORTLY FROM THE COMMISSION.

SINCERELY,

JIMMY CARTER

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

[Signature]

[Additional Notes]
DATE: 12 JUN 80
FOR ACTION: STU EIZENSTAT ANNE WEXLER
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INFO ONLY: JIM McINTYRE

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RESPONSE DUE TO RICK HUTCHESON STAFF SECRETARY (456-7052)
BY: 1200 PM SATURDAY 14 JUN 80

ACTION REQUESTED: YOUR COMMENTS
STAFF RESPONSE: ( ) I CONCUR. ( ) NO COMMENT. ( ) HOLD.

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Phil

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