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[Salutations will be provided by Advance]

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Al Smith Dinner

[Salutations]

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*Mr. President -
These are Stu's comments
They are OK with me
except as noted.
Rick
Susan
type -
no changes
J*

Four years ago, I came before this distinguished gathering as a candidate for the office of President of the United States.

I am happy to report to you tonight that that campaign was a success.

It is my fervent hope to stand before you four years from now with *a similar* ~~the very same~~ report.

For the past three and a half years, I have faced the awesome pressures known only to those who occupy the Oval Office. And not one minute of one day of those three and a half years has passed without my feeling the full weight and crushing

responsibility that is the ever-present companion of that office.

How time flies when you're having fun!

A handwritten signature consisting of the letters 'J' and 'S' joined together, followed by the number '2'. The 'J' and 'S' are written in a cursive style, and the '2' is a simple numeral.

I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to His Eminence on his singular accomplishment this evening.

By convincing Gov. Reagan to share this platform with me, he has demonstrated a power even greater than the League of Women Voters.

I must confess that I have observed Gov. Reagan very carefully tonight. Frankly, I find him to be an extremely engaging, charming and gracious man.

It's hard to believe that he keeps saying all those mean things about me.

The fact is, I am very happy to see the governor in this room tonight.

Otherwise, he might be out campaigning in some close state.

advised
I warned Mayor Koch earlier today

Incidentally, ~~Mayor Koch warned me~~ not to get too close

to Gov. Reagan. It has nothing to do with politics. But the
paint on the Governor's "I love New York" button is still wet.

I would like to take advantage of this moment of good
fellowship to put Gov. Reagan at ease on at least one point.
I will state publicly and for the record that I am planning
no October Surprise.

I can predict however that one of us is

{What I do have in mind is a severe November shock.}

is for a severe November shock. } 4

~~When President Ford and I took part in this affair four
years ago, it was on the eve of our third and final debate.~~

~~I sincerely wish that this evening, Gov. Reagan and I
could announce that we were on the eve of our first.*~~

*Note: If Gov. Reagan should announce his agreement to
debate, replace this section with the bracketed material.

The man whose memory we honor would most certainly have approved.

Al Smith was an outspoken campaigner who believed that the people deserved to know exactly where the candidates stood on every important issue.

I subscribe to that belief. I am sure that Gov. Reagan does, too.

Perhaps the spirit of the Happy Warrior, which so prevades this room tonight, will once again work its artful mastery of persuasion.]

I think this is too partisan for this event. The language below is O.K. if he has already accepted. JRM

[I am gratified that this evening, Gov. Reagan and I can announce that we are on the eve of our first.]

[The man whose memory we honor would most certainly have approved.]

[Al Smith was an outspoken campaigner who believed that the people deserved to know where the candidates stood on every important issue.]

[I subscribe to that belief. And by his action tonight, Gov. Reagan has shown that he does, too.]

Al Smith enjoyed the rough and tumble of politics -- but he revered the art of governing fairly.

His social conscience was awakened on the Lower East Side and sharpened by the unforgiving taskmasters of his alma mater -- the Fulton Fish Market.

Gathering his natural gifts, he doggedly pursued a career that led to four terms as Governor of the most powerful state of the Union.

In those days, ^{the federal} government was ^{not overly} ~~callously~~ unresponsive to

human suffering. There was no social security, no unemployment insurance, ^{no minimum wage, no Medicare with...} ~~no assistance~~ for the elderly -- and no protection against the paralyzing effects of ^{legal} ~~unbridled~~ discrimination.

*Let's admit
 make a list
 to this with a
 stamp speech.
 J.S.*

As governor, Al Smith began the hammer blows of social reforms whose reverberations echo even today.

In 1928, he decided to run for President.

When the final count was in, he had carried only eight states. ^{I am proud that Georgia was one of them. But a} ~~The most~~ shattering heartbreak came with the realization that ~~even~~ his own beloved New York had rejected him at the polls.

The tide of unreasoned intolerance denied this country's highest office to one of the most gifted reformers of the century.

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But it was a mark of this country's progress when, in 1960, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, a Catholic, became the 35th

President of the United States.

There were dire predictions that should John Kennedy become President, the Pope soon would be standing on the White House steps.

And in fact, the Pope did stand on the White House steps.

But the year was 1979.

And the President who greeted him was a Southern Baptist. 58

John Kennedy, a Catholic, became President with the votes of millions of Southern Baptists. ~~Georgia's margin for him was greater than that of Massachusetts~~

And I, a Southern Baptist, became President with the votes of millions of Catholics and Jews.

There is no question that we have come far in dulling the sharp pain of religious and racial intolerance. 59

It was on this note that I had intended to end my

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speech tonight -- to leave you basking in the warmth of the progress exemplified in the stories of one man who never became President, and two who did.

NOTE:
It's important to say this -- but you may have to be prepared to give an example if questioned about it later.

X But there have been times in my life when I -- like most of you -- ^{witnessed prejudice and intolerance and} should have spoken out, and did not.

Something happened yesterday that made me decide to speak further to ^{This} ~~the~~ issue of intolerance. 510

A twelve-year-old boy stood up at a town meeting in ~~the~~ ^{Pittston} Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, ~~area~~ and asked me a question that cuts to the heart of ^{the} ~~the~~ matter of intolerance -- and to my heart as well.

His name is Avi Leiter, and here is what he asked:

"In view of the fact that you, Mr. President, are Baptist, do you agree with the head of the churches who said that God should not listen to Jewish prayers? I am a religious boy

and I pray three times a day for the welfare of the Americans
and the Jewish people.

"Do you think that God does not listen to my prayers?"

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I told Avi that I believe God listens to his prayers just
as I believe God listens to mine. I told him about being at
Camp David with Prime Minister Begin and President Sadat.

[The world did not hold much hope that there could be an
agreement between these two countries torn for so many years
by conflict.]

On ^{all} ~~that~~ ^{agreed to} first day, we ~~prayed together~~ -- a Jew, a Muslim
and a Christian. ^{I told Avi that I believe God heard} And we asked the world to pray with us.
all these prayers.

Thirteen days later, we came out of Camp David with a
peace agreement. I think that's proof that God heard all our
prayers.

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But the answer I gave Avi Leiter yesterday is not nearly as important as his question. It is a question no American child should ever have to ask his President.

In our zeal to strengthen the moral character of this nation, we must not set ourselves up as judges of who^m God might hear and who^m He would turn away.

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I understand the longing many people have for a sense of strong values. That longing is not exclusive to ^{any one groups} Protestants ~~or Catholics or Jews~~ ^{- Protestant, Catholic or Jew -} but is shared by every person who cares deeply about the ethical standards of this nation.

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Those who created the promise of America were firm in They believed in religious tolerance. They believed in tolerance of the views of others. They believed their convictions that government must not decree or interfere with any person's worship or freedom of conscience. This

was not because they considered religion unimportant -- but ^{for government to try to control.} because they considered it too important ~~to tamper with.~~

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~~I believe these convictions are as important today as they are then~~
not needed
JSP

She wants this to show the continuing relevance of this. Pick things that are already implicit.

Contrary to the pattern in all other nations, ~~our~~ ~~the~~ Constitution states in unmistakable terms that "no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States."

President Kennedy understood this principle clearly when he said in 1960: "I believe in an America where the separation of church and state is absolute...where no Catholic prelate could tell the President, should he be Catholic, how to act -- and no Protestant minister would tell his parishoners for whom to vote."

~~That message is as compelling today as it was then.~~
I've studied the Bible all my life.
My ^{religion} church is an important part of my life. ^A But nowhere

in the Bible -- Old or New Testament -- are there instructions have a Department of Education, whether to balance the on whether to ~~build the B-1 bomber or to cut taxes.~~

budget, ~~or~~ how many Chinas there are, or who should manage the Panama Canal after the year 2000 A.D.

What I do find is the commandment to love my neighbor.

~~In this country that's enough regardless of your neighbor's religion.~~
Al Smith followed that principle. It inspired the work

for which we honor his memory tonight.

~~Agree with Rick~~
Rick also thinks that ~~this~~ ^{would be} unnecessary and unsubtle and seriously detract from ~~the elegance of the peroration.~~ ^{is really important to drive home the point.} ~~He believes this~~ ^{would}

NOTE: These are actual Christian voice "issues"

Stu wants this - Rick thinks it is unnecessary and unsubtle. Agree with Rick.

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Avi Leiter follows that principle. It guides him in his prayers every day.

We have come through difficult and bitter times in this country. We have done well. But we cannot pause on a plateau

of self-congratulation while ^{future} the Al Smiths and Avi Leiters and other

of America struggle against the sheer walls of intolerance

that are still all too evident.

I believe we are ready to move on. I believe that with patience, understanding and renewed effort, all Americans will come to realize that the soul of freedom is freedom of the soul.

Thank you.

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{ GOV. ELLA GRASSO, SEN. ABE RIBICOFF,

& THE NEXT DEMO. SENATOR FROM CONNECTICUT -- CHRIS DODD:

{ I AM TAKING TIME OUT TODAY FOR A MATTER THAT IS BOUDLY SIGNIFICANT TO ME --
THE NAUTILUS MEMORIAL. /

{ I RECENTLY SIGNED THE 1981 DEFENSE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATION BILL,
WHICH INCLUDED THE AUTHORITY
TO ESTABLISH IN GROTON THE PERMANENT HOME OF THE "USS NAUTILUS" --
THE WORLD'S FIRST NUCLEAR-POWERED VESSEL,
NOW RETIRED AFTER A DISTINGUISHED QUARTER-CENTURY, /

OF ACTIVE SUBMARINE SERVICE. /

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(=OVER=) (I HAD THE....)

I HAD THE HONOR OF SHARING IN THAT HISTORY.

{ AS A YOUNG NAVAL OFFICER,

{ I WAS IN THE NUCLEAR PROPULSION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY ADMIRAL H. RICKOVER.

{ I WAS STATIONED IN NEW LONDON AS PART OF THAT PROGRAM,

{ AND MY 3RD SON, JEFF, WAS BORN THERE. /

YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED THAT I & MY FAMILY STILL SPEAK WITH A CONN. ACCENT. /

{ I WATCHED THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE "NAUTILUS" AT NEARLY EVERY STEP,

{ & I REMEMBER VIVIDLY ITS KEEL-LAYING CEREMONY AT NEW LONDON.

{ AFTER THE CEREMONY, ROSALYNN & I KNEW

{ THAT WE WERE WITNESSES TO A NEW CHAPTER OF HISTORY.

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{ ONE OF THE BIGGEST REGREST IN MY LIFE

{ WAS NOT BEING ABLE TO SERVE ABOARD THE 1ST ATOMIC SUBMARINES --

{ THE DEATH OF MY FATHER CALLED ME HOME TO GEORGIA

{ BEFORE THE "NAUTILUS" BEGAN ACTIVE SERVICE. /

(=NEW=) (THIS YEAR,...)

{ THIS YEAR, GOV. GRASSO, SEN. RIBICOFF, & CONG. DODD
BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION THE DECISION BY THE NAVY
TO LOCATE THE "NAUTILUS" IN WASHINGTON, D.C. -- AS A NATIONAL HISTORIC SHIP.
IT DIDN'T TAKE MUCH CONVINCING BY THEM
THAT I SHOULD OVERRIDE THE NAVY'S DECISION.
IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF DAYS BEFORE I INFORMED GOV. GRASSO
THAT GROTON WOULD BE THE SITE OF THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL,
IN KEEPING WITH THE NAVY TRADITION OF RETURNING SHIPS
TO LOCATIONS WITH STRONG HISTORICAL TIES. /

(=OVER=) (ELLA, I WANT TO.....)

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{ ELLA, I WANT TO PRESENT TO YOU & TO THE CITIZENS OF CONNECTICUT
THIS TEAK TRAY WHICH WAS MADE FROM THE ORIGINAL DECKING_Z
OF THE "USS NAUTILUS".

{ THIS CAN HELP REMIND US ALL OF THE TECHNOLOGICAL ACHIEVEMENT
REPRESENTED BY THE NAUTILUS.

{ MORE IMPORTANT, IT WAS A HUMAN ACHIEVEMENT
BY THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY & THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHEAST CONNECTICUT. /

(=NEW CARD=) (GROTON & NEW LONDON.....)

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GROTON & NEW LONDON ARE INDEED THE SUBMARINE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD.

{ THE PEOPLE THERE HAVE DEVOTED THEIR LIVES

TO KEEPING THE TECHNOLOGICAL EDGE

THAT SUSTAINS THE GREATEST, MOST PRODUCTIVE ECONOMY IN THE WORLD

& A NATIONAL DEFENSE THAT TODAY IS STILL 2ND TO NONE.

{ THIS ECONOMIC & MILITARY CAPABILITY

HAS GIVEN AMERICANS A QUALITY OF LIFE & A STRIVING FOR JUSTICE

THAT REMAINS TODAY THE ENVY OF THE WORLD.

{ I WANT TO KEEP IT THAT WAY,

& I KNOW THAT I CAN COUNT ON YOUR HELP. /

THANK YOU. /

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LABOR EVENT

E. HOWARD MOLISANI, SECRETARY TREASURER,
NEW YORK STATE LABOR COUNCIL

HARRY VAN ARSDALE, PRESIDENT N.Y.C. CENTRAL
LABOR COMMITTEE

RAY
MR CORBETT *WIFE HELEN*

{ IN PREPARING TO COME HERE THIS AFTERNOON,
I ASKED SOMEONE TO TELL ME WHAT IS THE #1 THING
THAT LONG ISLAND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IN 1981. /

HE SAID, "THAT'S EASY: TO RETAIN THE STANLEY CUP." /

I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST IN THE COMING SEASON.

{ I MIGHT ADD THAT WHILE SOME CRITICS MIGHT ACCUSE ME
OF "SKATING ON THIN ICE" FROM TIME TO TIME,

I WILL DEFINITELY NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR THE "ISLANDERS" THIS COMING YEAR.

I INTEND TO BE BUSY ELSEWHERE. /

(=OVER=) (I KNOW THAT.....)

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{ I KNOW THAT YOUR WINNING THE STANLEY CUP
MEANT A GREAT DEAL TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS AREA.

IT SYMBOLIZED THE STATURE LONG ISLAND HAS ACHIEVED IN OUR COUNTRY.

{ I AM TALKING NOT ABOUT YOUR STATURE IN TERMS OF ATHLETIC PROWESS,
BUT THE STATURE OF THIS WHOLE COMMUNITY.

{ MAYBE IT TOOK YOUR WINNING THE CUP
TO LET PEOPLE KNOW JUST HOW FAR YOU HAVE COME. /

THE #'s SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

LONG ISLAND CAN NO LONGER BE DISMISSED AS A "BEDROOM COMMUNITY".

IT IS NO LONGER JUST A SUBURB OF NEW YORK CITY.

{ THE FACT IS, AT LEAST 75% OF LONG ISLANDERS
WORK RIGHT HERE ON LONG ISLAND. /

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(=NEW CARD=) (BY A # OF.....)

{ BY A # OF MEASURES,
LONG ISLAND NOW RANKS AMONG THE 10 MOST IMPORTANT ECONOMIC AREAS₂
OF THE COUNTRY.

PRETEND FOR A MINUTE THAT NASSAU & SUFFOLK COUNTIES WERE A SEPARATE STATE.

{ IN TERMS OF YOUR RETAIL SALES,
YOU WOULD RANK AHEAD OF HALF THE OTHER STATES.

THAT GIVES YOU SOME IDEA OF HOW FAR YOU HAVE GROWN IN 3 DECADES.

{ IT GIVES YOU SOME IDEA OF YOUR AREA'S ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE
TO OUR NATION AS A WHOLE. /

(=OVER=) (I HAVE TALKED.....)

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I HAVE TALKED ABOUT LONG ISLAND AS IT IS NOW.

LET ME SAY SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR FUTURE. /

I BELIEVE THAT WORKING TOGETHER --

IN A REAL PARTNERSHIP OF GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, LABOR, & THE PUBLIC --

WE CAN MAKE THIS COUNTRY OF OURS ENERGY-SECURE

AND WE CAN REVITALIZE AMERICAN INDUSTRY.

I SPOKE EARLIER THIS WEEK ABOUT AN "ECONOMIC RENAISSANCE".

I BELIEVE WE CAN ACHIEVE THIS KIND OF REBIRTH FOR OUR COUNTRY.

WE CAN DO IT BY DEVELOPING NEW ENERGY SOURCES,

BY INVESTING IN OUR ECONOMIC FUTURE,

BY CREATING INCENTIVES TO INVESTMENT,

BY BUILDING NEW PLANTS & EQUIPMENT,

BY MODERNIZING OUR FACTORIES,

BY BUILDING WHOLE NEW AMERICAN INDUSTRIES. /

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(=NEW=) (I WANT...)

{ I WANT YOUR SUPPORT ON NOVEMBER 4
BECAUSE I WANT TO CARRY THIS PROGRAM FORWARD.

{ I WANT TO DEVELOP NEW ENERGY SUPPLIES
◦ TO FUEL OUR CARS,
◦ TO DEVELOP NEW TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS.

{ I WANT TO REVITALIZE THE INDUSTRIAL NORTHEAST,
TO CREATE NEW JOB OPPORTUNITIES HERE.

{ ATTACKING THE ENERGY CHALLENGE,
AND INCREASING WORKER PRODUCTIVITY
WILL BOTH PLAY KEY ROLES IN REDUCING INFLATION.

{ THEY WILL GET TO THE ROOT CAUSES OF OUR INFLATION --
EXCESSIVE DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN OIL,
& DECLINING PRODUCTIVITY GROWTH. /

(=OVER=) (OUR EFFORTS WILL.....)

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{ OUR EFFORTS WILL ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING ELSE,
THEY WILL CREATE NEEDED JOB OPPORTUNITIES,
INCLUDING HIGH TECHNOLOGY JOBS,
IN PLACES LIKE LONG ISLAND.

{ THERE IS NO REASON WHY THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO GROW UP IN LONG ISLAND
SHOULD HAVE TO GO OFF & LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES
IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.

{ THERE IS NO REASON THAT FAMILIES SHOULD HAVE TO BE SEPARATED
FOR EITHER ECONOMIC OR CAREER REASONS. /

(=NEW CARD=) (I KNOW THAT.....)

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I KNOW THAT YOU CARE ABOUT THESE ISSUES.

{ I KNOW, FOR EXAMPLE,
THAT THIS AREA HAS SOME OF THE HIGHEST ENERGY BILLS
& SOME OF THE HIGHEST PROPERTY TAXES -- IN OUR COUNTRY.

{ I CAME HERE TODAY
TO TALK ABOUT THIS & OTHER ISSUES THAT MAY CONCERN YOU.

YOU CAN ASK ANY QUESTION YOU WANT.

{ THAT IS WHAT CAMPAIGNS IN OUR GREAT COUNTRY SHOULD BE ALL ABOUT --
ASKING TOUGH QUESTIONS & GETTING GOOD ANSWERS. /

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HERE IS SOMETHING ELSE MY OPPONENT SAID. QUOTE,
"LITTLE TIMID MEN WITH LITTLE TIMID DREAMS
ARE TELLING US NOT TO REACH OUT TO THE STARS
BUT TO BUSY OURSELVES INSTEAD
BUILDING SUBWAYS..."

WELL, I DON'T SEE ANYTHING TIMID
ABOUT BUILDING SUBWAYS.

THAT IS WHY I HAVE DIRECTED ALMOST \$1 BILLION
IN MASS TRANSIT AID TO NEW YORK.

THAT'S WHY I AM SEEKING A CHANGE IN THE FORMULA
TO PROVIDE ~~NEW YORK WITH AN EXTRA \$110 MILLION A YEAR~~
FOR TRANSIT OPERATING COSTS.

THAT'S WHY, UNDER THE WINDFALL PROFITS TAX,
WE WILL ACCELERATE FEDERAL AID TO MASS TRANSIT
BY \$13 BILLION OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS.

no
no

{ IN THE LAST 4 YEARS I HAVE BECOME VERY FOND OF 2 SONGS --
"HAIL TO THE CHIEF", & "LOOK FOR THE UNION LABEL".

I'D LIKE TO KEEP THOSE ON OUR HIT PARADE FOR THE NEXT 4 YEARS! /

{ THIS IS A CRUCIAL ELECTION --

NOT JUST FOR ME, BUT FOR THE LABOR MOVEMENT AS WELL --

& FOR EVERY AMERICAN WORKING MAN & WOMAN. /

{ THIS ELECTION IS ABOUT CONSEQUENCES --

THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE POLICIES OUR NATION WILL FOLLOW ↘

FOR THE NEXT 4 YEARS. /

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(=OVER=) (THAT IS WHY...)

{ THAT IS WHY I HAVE TALKED ABOUT THIS CAMPAIGN
AS A CHOICE BETWEEN 2 FUTURES.

{ THE CHOICE COULD NOT BE CLEARER --
AND IT IS SHARPEST OF ALL ON ISSUES THAT AFFECT WORKING MEN & WOMEN. //

{ ON ONE SIDE IS A REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE
WHO, IN 1976, PERSUADED PRES. FORD TO REVERSE HIS POSITION
& VETO THE COMMON SITUS BILL HE HAD PREVIOUSLY SAID HE WOULD SIGN. //

{ ON THE OTHER SIDE IS A DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION
THAT HAS FOUGHT FOR COMMON SITUS -- & WILL GO RIGHT ON FIGHTING FOR IT. //

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{ ON ONE SIDE IS A REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE
WHO CALLS DAVIS-BACON, QUOTE:

"A GIFT OF TAX FUNDS TO THE PRIVILEGED WORKERS."

{ ON THE OTHER SIDE IS A DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION
THAT HAS SUCCESSFULLY FOUGHT OFF
9 DIFFERENT ATTEMPTS TO REPEAL DAVIS-BACON.
AND IF SUCH A BILL EVER GOT AS FAR AS MY DESK --
I WOULD VETO IT. //

(=OVER=) (ON ONE SIDE.....)

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{ ON ONE SIDE IS A REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE
WHO LAST YEAR SAID "AMEN"
TO A PROPOSAL TO ABOLISH THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY ADMINISTRATION. /

{ ON THE OTHER SIDE IS A DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION
THAT HAS STRENGTHENED "OSHA"
AND HAS FOCUSSED ITS ACTIVITIES
ON THE REAL HEALTH & SAFETY PROBLEMS OF THE WORKPLACE. //

(=NEW CARD=) (ON ONE SIDE.....)

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{ ON ONE SIDE IS A REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE
WHO SAID THIS YEAR THAT LABOR LAW REFORM -- QUOTE --
"IS A BILL THAT SHOULD BE DEFEATED."

{ ON THE OTHER SIDE IS A DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION
THAT HAS FOUGHT FOR LABOR LAW REFORM
AND WILL GO ON FIGHTING FOR IT -- TOGETHER WITH YOU --
UNTIL THE BATTLE IS WON.

(=OVER=) (ON ONE SIDE.....)

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ON ONE SIDE IS A REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE
WHO SAID THIS YEAR -- QUOTE --

MIN WAGE

"THE MINIMUM WAGE HAS CAUSED MORE MISERY & UNEMPLOYMENT
THAN ANYTHING SINCE THE GREAT DEPRESSION."

ON THE OTHER SIDE IS A DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION
THAT ENACTED PHASED INCREASES IN THE MINIMUM WAGE
TO HELP BRING A DECENT LIFE TO MILLIONS OF AMERICAN FAMILIES.

(=NEW CARD=) (ON ONE SIDE...)

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{ ON ONE SIDE IS A REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE
WHO HAS CALLED RECIPIENTS OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE -- QUOTE --
"FREELOADERS WANTING A PREPAID VACATION PLAN."/

{ ON THE OTHER SIDE IS A DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION
THAT IS FIGHTING TO EXTEND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE
FOR WORKERS IN HARD-HIT INDUSTRIES.//

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{ THE CONSCIENCE OF AMERICAN LABOR
HAS ALWAYS EXTENDED BEYOND THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF YOUR OWN MEMBERS.

{ LET ME MENTION JUST 3 OTHER ISSUES
THAT CONCERN YOU NOT ONLY AS LABOR LEADERS z

BUT ALSO AS CITIZENS.

(=OVER=) (THE 1ST IS.....)

THE FIRST IS ENERGY. /

THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE,

WHO FOUGHT AGAINST THE WINDFALL PROFITS TAX ON THE OIL COMPANIES,

SUMMED UP HIS ENERGY PROGRAM THIS WAY:

--QUOTE-- "WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

IS FOR THE GOVT. TO REPEAL THE ENERGY LEGISLATION

AND THEN TURN THE INDUSTRY LOOSE." /

THIS DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION

FOUGHT SUCCESSFULLY FOR THE WINDFALL PROFITS TAX

AND FOR A MASSIVE NEW ENERGY PROGRAM

THAT WILL CREATE WHOLE NEW INDUSTRIES FOR AMERICAN WORKERS

AND THAT HAS ALREADY REDUCED OUR OIL IMPORTS BY ONE-THIRD

COMPARED TO THIS TIME LAST YEAR. /

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(=NEW CARD=) (EVERY DROP OF.....)

EVERY DROP OF OIL THAT WE DO NOT HAVE TO BUY FROM "OPEC"
INCREASES OUR ECONOMIC SECURITY & OUR NATIONAL SECURITY.
WE MUST NOT ALLOW OUR PROGRESS ON ENERGY TO BE REVERSED! //

THE 2ND IS HEALTH.

{ THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE LAUNCHED HIS POLITICAL CAREER

AS A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ANTI-MEDICARE LOBBY --

AND HE NOW SAYS -- QUOTE -- "I AM FIRMLY OPPOSED TO NATIONAL HEALTH INS." //

{ THIS DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT SHARES WITH YOU

A COMMITMENT TO A NATIONAL HEALTH PLAN --

& TO ALL THE GREAT PROGRAMS OF SOCIAL BETTERMENT

{ THIS COUNTRY HAS ADOPTED UNDER DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTS SINCE "FDR". //

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(=OVER=) (THE 3RD IS.....)

THE 3RD ISSUE IS THE CITIES OF AMERICA. /

{ YOU ALL KNOW THAT THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE
USED TO BOAST ABOUT PRAYING THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
WOULD NEVER BAIL OUT NEW YORK CITY. /

I AM SURE THE LORD TOOK THAT PRAYER UNDER ADVISEMENT. /

{ BUT LIKE ALL OF YOU,

I AM GLAD THAT AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION,

HE MADE THE RIGHT DECISION --

{ WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM SOME OF US HERE BELOW. //

(=NEW CARD=) (THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE.....)

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{ THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE ALSO SAID, JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO,
THAT --QUOTE-- "URBAN AID PROGRAMS
ARE ONE OF THE BIGGEST PHONIES THAT WE HAVE IN THE SYSTEM. }

{ THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM
WHO MIGHT GIVE HIM AN ARGUMENT ABOUT THAT. /
I AM ONE OF THEM. /

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{ WE DEMOCRATS HAVE PUSHED THROUGH
THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL URBAN POLICY -- IN OUR HISTORY. /
WE WILL STAND BY OUR COMMITMENT TO NEW YORK
& TO ALL THE GREAT CITIES OF AMERICA! /

WEST WAY

DOT FUNDING

NGC PERMITS- EXPEDITE

(=OVER=) (THE LAST ISSUE.....)

THE LAST ISSUE IT WANT TO TOUCH ON VERY BRIEFLY IS HUMAN RIGHTS,
THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE HAS CRITICIZED OUR HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY
AS BEING AGAINST THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

THIS DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT BELIEVES THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT
SHOULD STAND FOR AMERICAN VALUES.

THE WORKERS OF POLAND HAVE PROVED
THAT HUMAN RIGHTS IS A UNIVERSAL LONGING -- & A UNIVERSAL GOAL.

AS LONG AS I AM PRESIDENT
WE WILL HOLD HIGH THE BANNER OF HUMAN RIGHTS!

(=NEW CARD=) (THIS IS A.....)

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THIS IS A TOUGH RACE.

THE POLLS SAY WE MAY BE BEHIND.

THE REPUBLICANS ARE OUTSPENDING US BY MANY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. /

THEY ARE POSING AS THE FRIENDS OF WORKING PEOPLE --

AS THEY DO EVERY 4 YEARS --

BEFORE REVERTING TO FORM ONCE THE ELECTION IS OVER. /

BUT EVEN IF THE REPUBLICANS CAN'T WIN THE LABOR VOTE,

THEY ARE HOPING TO DISCOURAGE IT.

GOV. REAGAN'S LABOR ADVISER TOLD "THE NEW YORK TIMES": *About LABOR*

"I DON'T WANT THESE PEOPLE" -- (~~LABOR~~) -- "TO VOTE FOR REAGAN."

"I WANT THEM TO STAY HOME. -- I DON'T WANT THEM TO VOTE." /

WE CAN'T LET THEM GET AWAY WITH THAT CYNICAL STRATEGY. //

(=OVER=) (FRITZ MONDALE & I.....)

FRITZ MONDALE & I ARE GOING TO NEED THE HELP OF EVERY ONE OF YOU --
& A LOT MORE BESIDES. /

NEW YORK IS VERY IMPORTANT IN THIS EFFORT. /

~~IN FACT, I DON'T SEE ANY WAY WE CAN WIN THIS ELECTION
WITHOUT THE CITY & STATE OF NEW YORK. //~~

FOR THE SAKE OF EVERYTHING WE HAVE DONE TOGETHER IN THE PAST,
FOR THE SAKE OF EVERYTHING WE WILL DO TOGETHER IN THE FUTURE,
LET'S GET OUR MESSAGE ACROSS
TO EVERY WORKING FAMILY IN NEW YORK! /

(=NEW CARD=) (WE HAVE LESS.....)

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WE HAVE LESS THAN 3 WEEKS TO GO.

SO LET'S EVERY ONE OF US BUCKLE DOWN & GET TO WORK. /

LET'S WIN A VICTORY --

• FOR JIMMY CARTER & WALTER MONDALE,

• FOR THE WHOLE NEW YORK DEMOCRATIC TICKET,

& -- MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL -- FOR THE BELIEFS

& CONVICTIONS

& IDEALS -- WE ALL SHARE. /

TOGETHER, LET'S MAKE THE GREATEST NATION ON EARTH EVEN GREATER! //

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THE GREATEST RESOURCES THIS COUNTRY HAS ARE WITHIN US.
NOBODY DEMONSTRATES THAT BETTER THAN YOU. /
YOUR WORK TO HELP OTHERS HELP THEMSELVES IS PRICELESS.
THAT YOU DO THIS FREELY MAKES IT ALL THE MORE VALUABLE.
OFTEN, I KNOW, WHAT YOU DO GOES UNNOTICED.
IT DOES NOT GO UNAPPRECIATED.

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I KNOW HARTFORD THANKS YOU -- & SO DO I. /
MONEY CAN'T BUY WHAT YOU GIVE THIS CITY -- YOUR CARE & YOUR CONCERN.
{ MONEY CAN'T BUY WHAT YOU GIVE THE PEOPLE WITH WHOM YOU WORK --
YOUR AFFECTION & YOUR RESPECT.

MONEY CAN'T BUY THE LOVE YOU BRING TO YOUR WORK.

I KNOW, THOUGH, MONEY CAN BUY THE TOOLS & THE RESOURCES YOU OFTEN NEED. /

(=OVER=) (WHILE SOME OF.....)

{ WHILE SOME OF THAT MONEY COMES FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT,
MOST OF IT COMES FROM YOU -- & YOUR NEIGHBORS,
{ CONTRIBUTIONS TO VOLUNTEER & CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE U.S.
TOTALED \$42 BILLION THIS YEAR.

THAT IS A STUNNING FIGURE.

IT DEMONSTRATES HOW THIS COUNTRY FEELS ABOUT YOU.

IT UNDERLINES THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR WORK. /

YOU DO THE EXTRA WORK THAT SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS OFTEN CANNOT DO.

YOU REACH PEOPLE WHO WOULD OTHERWISE GO UNREACHED.

{ YOU ARE THE LINK BETWEEN THE HELPER & THE HELPED,

EASING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN { DOCTOR & PATIENT,

SOCIAL WORKER & CLIENT. /

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(=NEW CARD=) (THE SATISFACTION.....)

{ THE SATISFACTION OF { FACING CHALLENGES -- & WINNING,
& FACING PROBLEMS -- & SOLVING THEM,
IS SOMETHING I THINK ALL OF US IN THIS ROOM UNDERSTAND.

{ BUT I THINK ALL OF US ALSO APPRECIATE
THE NECESSITY OF SOMETIMES DOING THINGS THAT ARE { UNPLEASANT,
OR DIFFICULT,
OR EVEN PAINFUL. /

{ IN A SENSE, THAT IS WHAT THE PRESIDENCY IS ALSO ABOUT --
ABOUT HELPING & HEALING,
ABOUT KNOWING THE HARD TRUTH & SEEING THE REAL WORLD -- z

THE WAY IT REALLY IS.

IT'S TACKLING TOUGH ISSUES.

IT'S DECIDING THE COURSE OF THE FUTURE. /

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(=OVER=) (JUST AS THE.....)

{ THOSE ARE THE ISSUES IN WHICH I BELIEVE,
AND I HAVE FOUGHT HARD FOR THEM.

NONE OF THE PROBLEMS THAT LAND ON MY DESK ARE EASY.

BUT EVERY ONE IS { EXCITING
& EXHILIRATING
& CHALLENGING.

{ THAT'S WHAT MAKES THE JOB OF BEING PRESIDENT -- MY JOB --
SO DIFFICULT, & SO WONDERFUL. /

NOW, IF I CAN ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS FOR YOU,..... //

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 14, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Al McDonald
Rick Hertzberg
Anna Simons

SUBJECT: Presidential Talking
Points: Newington
Children's Hospital

Scheduled delivery:
Thu, Oct 16
Hartford, Conn.

Your talking points for this event
are attached.

Copies have been sent to Pat Caddell
and Jerry Rafshoon. Jody will write
his comments on this original before
giving it to you.

Clearances

David Rubenstein

[Salutations will be updated by Advance]

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Anna Simons/Hertzberg
A-1 10/14/80
Scheduled Delivery;
Thur, Oct 16
Hartford, Conn.

Hartford Volunteers

1. THE GREATEST RESOURCES THIS COUNTRY HAS ARE WITHIN US.
NOBODY DEMONSTRATES THAT BETTER THAN YOU.
2. YOUR WORK TO HELP OTHERS HELP THEMSELVES IS PRICELESS.
THAT YOU DO THIS FREELY MAKES IT ALL THE MORE VALUABLE. OFTEN,
I KNOW, WHAT YOU DO GOES UNNOTICED. IT DOES NOT GO UNAPPRECIATED.
I KNOW HARTFORD THANKS YOU, AND SO DO I.
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THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DOCTOR AND PATIENT, SOCIAL WORKER
AND CLIENT.
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6. THE SATISFACTION OF FACING CHALLENGES -- AND WINNING -- AND FACING PROBLEMS -- AND SOLVING THEM -- IS SOMETHING I THINK ALL OF US IN THIS ROOM UNDERSTAND. BUT I THINK ALL OF US ALSO APPRECIATE THE NECESSITY OF SOMETIMES DOING THINGS THAT ARE UNPLEASANT, OR DIFFICULT, OR EVEN PAINFUL.

7. IN A SENSE, THAT IS WHAT THE PRESIDENCY IS ALSO ABOUT -- ABOUT HELPING AND HEALING, ABOUT KNOWING THE HARD TRUTH AND SEEING THE REAL WORLD, THE WAY IT REALLY IS. IT'S TACKLING TOUGH ISSUES. IT'S DECIDING THE COURSE OF THE FUTURE.

8. JUST AS THE FUTURE OF OUR ECONOMY DEPENDS ON SUPPORTING AND REBUILDING OUR INDUSTRIES, THE FUTURE OF OUR SOCIETY DEPENDS ON OUR COMMITMENT TO CARING FOR THE MENTALLY ILL AND THE HANDICAPPED, TO PROVIDING A STRONG EDUCATION FOR THE YOUNG, TO AIDING THE ELDERLY, TO OFFERING OPPORTUNITY TO ALL OUR CITIZENS. THAT IS THE TRADITION YOU HAVE BUILT, AND WE MUST ALL EXPAND UPON -- WITH EQUAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN, AND HUMAN RIGHTS FOR PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

9. THOSE ARE THE ISSUES I BELIEVE IN, AND HAVE FOUGHT HARD FOR. NONE OF THE PROBLEMS THAT LAND ON MY DESK ARE EASY. BUT, EVERY ONE IS EXCITING AND EXHILIRATING AND CHALLENGING. THAT'S WHAT MAKES THE JOB OF BEING PRESIDENT -- MY JOB -- SO DIFFICULT, AND SO WONDERFUL.

10. NOW, IF I CAN ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS FOR YOU ...

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COTTER
GIAMMO
MOFFET
RATCHFORD

GOV. ELLA GRASSO, SEN. ABE RIBICOFF,

& THE NEXT DEMO, SENATOR FROM CONNECTICUT -- CHRIS DODD: ✓
HAVE COME HERE

I ~~AM TAKING TIME OUT~~ TODAY FOR A MATTER THAT IS DOUBLY SIGNIFICANT TO ME --
THE NAUTILUS MEMORIAL.

I RECENTLY SIGNED THE 1981 DEFENSE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATION BILL,
WHICH INCLUDED THE AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH ~~IN GROTON~~
THE PERMANENT HOME OF THE "USS NAUTILUS" --
THE WORLD'S 1ST NUCLEAR-POWERED VESSEL,
NOW RETIRED AFTER A DISTINGUISHED QUARTER-CENTURY
OF ACTIVE SUBMARINE SERVICE.

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(LTR & PEN)
GROTON, CONN. #

THAT HOME TO BE HERE- IN
(=OVER=) (I HAD THE HONOR.....)

I HAD THE HONOR OF SHARING IN THAT HISTORY.

{ AS A YOUNG NAVAL OFFICER,

{ I WAS IN THE NUCLEAR PROPULSION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY ADMIRAL H. RICKOVER.

CARRIER

{ I WAS STATIONED IN NEW LONDON AS PART OF THAT PROGRAM, *THE SUBMARINE PROGRAM*

{ & MY 3RD SON -- JEFF -- WAS BORN ~~THERE~~ *HERE*.

{ YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED THAT I & MY FAMILY

{ STILL SPEAK WITH A CONNECTICUT ACCENT. /

{ I WATCHED THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE "NAUTILUS" AT NEARLY EVERY STEP,

{ & I REMEMBER VIVIDLY ITS KEEL-LAYING CEREMONY AT NEW LONDON. (1952?)

{ AFTER THE CEREMONY, ROSALYNN & I KNEW

{ THAT WE WERE WITNESSES TO A NEW CHAPTER OF HISTORY.

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(=NEW CARD=) (ONE OF THE.....)

{ ONE OF THE BIGGEST REGREST IN MY LIFE
WAS NOT BEING ABLE TO SERVE ABOARD THE "NAUTILUS" --
THE DEATH OF MY FATHER CALLED ME HOME TO GEORGIA
BEFORE THE "NAUTILUS" BEGAN ACTIVE SERVICE. ✓

*NEW NUCLEAR SUBMARINES
IN A SMALL WAY
WHICH I HELPED
TO DEVELOP.*

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{ THIS YEAR, GOV. GRASSO, SEN. RIBICOFF, & CONG. DODD
BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION THE DECISION BY THE NAVY
TO LOCATE THE "NAUTILUS" IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AS A NATL. HISTORIC SHIP.
IT DIDN'T TAKE MUCH CONVINCING BY THEM
THAT I SHOULD OVERRIDE THE NAVY'S DECISION. //

{ IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF DAYS BEFORE I INFORMED GOV. GRASSO
THAT GROTON WOULD BE THE SITE OF THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL,
IN KEEPING WITH THE NAVY TRADITION
OF RETURNING SHIPS TO LOCATIONS WITH STRONG HISTORICAL TIES. ✓

(=OVER=) (ELLA,...)

{ ELLA, I WANT TO PRESENT TO YOU & TO THE CITIZENS OF CONNECTICUT
THIS TEAK TRAY WHICH WAS MADE FROM THE ORIGINAL DECKING OF THE "NAUTILUS".

*LAST NIGHT - FROM PERSONAL COLLECTION
OF ADM RICKOVER*

{ IT WILL HELP REMIND US ALL
OF THE TECHNOLOGICAL ACHIEVEMENT REPRESENTED BY THE "NAUTILUS".
MORE IMPORTANT, IT WAS A HUMAN ACHIEVEMENT
BY THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY & THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHEAST CONNECTICUT.

(=NEW CARD=) (GORTON & NEW LONDON.....)

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~~GORTON~~
GROTON

GORTON & NEW LONDON ARE INDEED THE SUBMARINE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD.

{ THE PEOPLE THERE HAVE DEVOTED THEIR LIVES ← 7/8 YEARS
TO KEEPING THE TECHNOLOGICAL EDGE.
THAT SUSTAINS { THE GREATEST, MOST PRODUCTIVE ECONOMY IN THE WORLD
& A NATIONAL DEFENSE THAT TODAY IS STILL 2ND TO NONE.

{ THIS ECONOMIC & MILITARY CAPABILITY
HAS GIVEN AMERICANS A QUALITY OF LIFE & A STRIVING FOR JUSTICE
THAT REMAINS TODAY THE ENVY OF THE WORLD.

{ I WANT TO KEEP IT THAT WAY,
& I KNOW THAT I CAN COUNT ON YOUR HELP. ✓

THANK YOU. ✓

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Bud
Alghan
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MRS. THOMAS J. MORRISON, ... GOVERNOR & MRS. REAGAN:

SMITH FAMILY

BREAKFAST = SINN FEIN
(DINNER IN HONOR OF HIM)

JUDGE MULLIGAN
SILVER & CARDINAL

COOK DIDN'T COME

FOUR YEARS AGO, I CAME BEFORE THIS DISTINGUISHED GATHERING

AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. *of AMERICA*

I AM HAPPY TO REPORT TO YOU TONIGHT THAT THAT CAMPAIGN WAS A SUCCESS. //

IT IS MY FERVENT HOPE

2 or 3

TO STAND BEFORE YOU ~~4~~ YEARS FROM NOW WITH A SIMILAR REPORT. //

ABOUT 1980

FOR THE PAST 3 1/2 YEARS, I HAVE FACED THE AWESOME PRESSURES

KNOWN ONLY TO THOSE WHO OCCUPY THE OVAL OFFICE.

CONFIDENTIAL
MESSAGE TO

AND NOT ONE MINUTE OF ONE DAY OF THOSE ~~3~~ YEARS

GOV. REAGAN --

HAS PASSED WITHOUT MY FEELING THE FULL WEIGHT

& CRUSHING RESPONSIBILITY

THAT IS THE EVER-PRESENT COMPANION OF THAT OFFICE. //

IT'S TERRIBLE!

REST of YOU - FRANKLY

HOW TIME FLIES WHEN YOU'RE HAVING FUN! //

GOOD HELP IN '76 CAMPAIGN -
KLEIN - WHARTON - HEADED

PROF. LAWRANCE
ECON ADVISERS

CALLED TO CONGRATULATE -

NOBEL PRIZE IN ECON.

FOR EXCELLENT ADVICE TO ME

HOW TO

REDUCE INFLATION & INTEREST RATES. //

ALSO

I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER MY SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS
 TO HIS EMINENCE ON HIS SINGULAR ACCOMPLISHMENT THIS EVENING, ^{EVEN IN}
 BY CONVINCING GOV. REAGAN TO SHARE THIS PLATFORM WITH ME, ^{ABSENTIA-}
 HE HAS DEMONSTRATED A POWER EVEN GREATER THAN THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS. //

I MUST CONFESS THAT I HAVE ^{STUDIED} ~~OBSERVED~~ GOV. REAGAN'S ^{REMARKS} VERY CAREFULLY TONIGHT.

FRANKLY, I FIND HIM TO BE AN EXTREMELY ENGAGING, CHARMING, & GRACIOUS MAN. //

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT HE KEEPS SAYING ALL THOSE MEAN THINGS ABOUT ME. //

THE FACT IS, I AM VERY ^{KNOW} HAPPY TO SEE THE GOVERNOR, ^{HAS BEEN WITH US THIS EVENING-} IN THIS ROOM TONIGHT. //

OTHERWISE, HE MIGHT BE OUT CAMPAIGNING IN SOME CLOSE STATE. //

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INCIDENTALLY,

I ADVISED MAYOR KOCH EARLIER TODAY
NOT TO GET TOO CLOSE TO GOV. REAGAN.

IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH POLITICS.

BUT THE PAINT ON THE GOVERNOR'S "I LOVE NEW YORK" BUTTON ↘

THE PAINT IS STILL WET. //

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS MOMENT OF GOOD FELLOWSHIP
TO PUT GOV. REAGAN AT EASE ON AT LEAST ONE POINT.

I WILL STATE PUBLICLY & FOR THE RECORD
THAT I AM PLANNING NO OCTOBER SURPRISE. /

I CAN PREDICT, HOWEVER, THAT ONE OF US IS IN FOR A SEVERE NOVEMBER SHOCK. //

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As you know,

{ AL SMITH ENJOYED THE ROUGH & TUMBLE OF POLITICS --
BUT HE REVERED THE ART OF GOVERNING FAIRLY. /

{ HIS SOCIAL CONSCIENCE
WAS AWAKENED ON THE LOWER EAST SIDE

& SHARPENED BY THE UNFORGIVING TASKMASTERS OF HIS ALMA MATER --

THE FULTON FISH MARKET. /

{ GATHERING HIS NATURAL GIFTS,
HE DOGGEDLY PURSUED A CAREER
THAT LED TO 4 TERMS AS GOVERNOR OF THE MOST POWERFUL STATE OF THE UNION. /

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{ IN THOSE DAYS,

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS NOT OVERLY RESPONSIVE TO HUMAN SUFFERING.

THERE WAS NO SOCIAL SECURITY,

{ NO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE,

NO MINIMUM WAGE,

NO MEDICARE FOR THE ELDERLY,

& NO PROTECTION AGAINST THE PARALYZING EFFECTS ✓

OF LEGAL DISCRIMINATION. /

{ AS GOVERNOR, AL SMITH BEGAN THE HAMMER BLOWS OF SOCIAL REFORMS
WHOSE REVERBERATIONS ECHO EVEN TODAY. //

IN 1928, HE DECIDED TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT. /

WHEN THE FINAL COUNT WAS IN, HE HAD CARRIED ONLY 8 STATES. NOT WON THE ELECTION.

I AM PROUD THAT GEORGIA WAS ONE OF THEM. // GAVE HIM OUR SUPPORT! // (ACTOR)

{ BUT A SHATTERING HEARTBREAK CAME

WITH THE REALIZATION THAT HIS OWN BELOVED NEW YORK & 39 OTHER STATES
HAD REJECTED HIM AT THE POLLS. /

RELIGIOUS

{ THE TIDE OF UNREASONED INTOLERANCE

DENIED THIS COUNTRY'S HIGHEST OFFICE

TO ONE OF THE MOST GIFTED REFORMERS OF THE CENTURY. /

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BUT IT WAS A MARK OF THIS COUNTRY'S PROGRESS

WHEN, IN 1960, JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY -- A CATHOLIC --

BECAME THE 35TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. # 6A > MASS #

{ THERE WERE DIRE PREDICTIONS THAT SHOULD JOHN KENNEDY BECOME PRESIDENT,

THE POPE SOON WOULD BE STANDING ON THE WHITE HOUSE STEPS. #

AND IN FACT, THE POPE DID STAND ON THE WHITE HOUSE STEPS --

BUT THE YEAR WAS 1979. /

AND THE PRESIDENT WHO GREETED HIM WAS A SOUTHERN BAPTIST. #

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{ JOHN KENNEDY -- A CATHOLIC --

{ BECAME PRESIDENT WITH THE VOTES OF MILLIONS OF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS. /

{ AND I -- A SOUTHERN BAPTIST --

{ BECAME PRESIDENT WITH THE VOTES OF MILLIONS OF CATHOLICS & JEWS. /

{ THERE IS NO QUESTION

{ THAT WE HAVE COME FAR IN DULLING THE SHARP PAIN OF RELIGIOUS

{ & RACIAL INTOLERANCE. /

IT WAS ON THIS NOTE

THAT I HAD INTENDED TO END MY SPEECH TONIGHT --

TO LEAVE YOU BASKING IN THE WARMTH

OF THE PROGRESS EXEMPLIFIED IN THE STORIES

OF ONE MAN WHO NEVER BECAME PRESIDENT -- & TWO WHO DID. /

BUT THERE HAVE BEEN TIMES IN MY LIFE

WHEN I -- LIKE MOST OF YOU -- WITNESSED PREJUDICE & INTOLERANCE

AND SHOULD HAVE SPOKEN OUT -- AND DID NOT. /

SOMETHING HAPPENED ^{JUST} YESTERDAY

THAT MADE ME DECIDE TO SPEAK FURTHER TO THIS ISSUE. /

PUBLIC

A 12-YEAR-OLD BOY STOOD UP AT A TOWN MEETING IN PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA,
AND ASKED ME A QUESTION
THAT CUTS TO THE HEART OF THE MATTER OF INTOLERANCE --
AND TO MY HEART AS WELL. /

HIS NAME IS "AVI LEITER", & HERE IS WHAT HE ASKED: QUOTE:

"IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, ARE BAPTIST,
DO YOU AGREE WITH THE HEAD OF THE CHURCHES
WHO SAID THAT GOD SHOULD NOT LISTEN TO JEWISH PRAYERS?"

I AM A RELIGIOUS BOY,
AND I PRAY 3 TIMES A DAY FOR THE WELFARE OF THE AMERICANS
& THE JEWISH PEOPLE. /

DO YOU THINK THAT GOD DOES NOT LISTEN TO MY PRAYERS?" /

I STRUGGLED FOR A MOMENT -- AN AWKWARD MOMENT
DIFFICULT FOR A PRESIDENT.

NOT THE ANSWER, BUT TO KNOW THAT
SUCH A QUESTION NEEDS TO BE ASKED,
BY A SMALL BOY.

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I TOLD "AVI"
THAT I BELIEVE GOD LISTENS TO HIS PRAYERS *JUST AS ATTENTIVELY*
~~JUST~~ AS I BELIEVE GOD LISTENS TO MINE. #

I TOLD HIM ABOUT ^{GOING TO} ~~BEING AT~~ CAMP DAVID
WITH PRIME MINISTER BEGIN & PRESIDENT SADAT. /

ON THE 1ST DAY, WE ALL AGREED TO PRAY -- TO GOD
A JEW, A MUSLIM, & A CHRISTIAN.

AND WE ASKED THE WORLD TO PRAY WITH US.

I TOLD "AVI" THAT I ^{WAS SURE} BELIEVE GOD HEARD ALL THESE PRAYERS.

13 DAYS LATER, WE SURPRISED THE WORLD. --
WE CAME OUT OF CAMP DAVID WITH A PEACE AGREEMENT. /

DOWN FROM

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{ THOSE WHO CREATED THE PROMISE OF AMERICA
{ WERE FIRM IN THEIR CONVICTIONS.

- THEY BELIEVED IN RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE.
- THEY BELIEVED IN TOLERANCE OF THE VIEWS OF OTHERS. ✓ *SEPARATION OF CHURCH & STATE.*
- THEY BELIEVED THAT GOVERNMENT MUST NOT DECREE OR INTERFERE
{ WITH ANY PERSON'S WORSHIP OR FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE.

{ THIS WAS NOT BECAUSE THEY CONSIDERED RELIGION UNIMPORTANT --
{ BUT BECAUSE THEY CONSIDERED IT TOO IMPORTANT
{ FOR GOVERNMENT TO TRY TO CONTROL.

↑
INFLUENCE OR

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CONTRARY TO THE PATTERN IN ALL OTHER NATIONS,

OUR CONSTITUTION STATES IN UNMISTAKABLE TERMS

{ THAT "NO RELIGIOUS TEST

{ SHALL EVER BE REQUIRED

{ AS A QUALIFICATION TO ANY OFFICE OR PUBLIC TRUST }>

UNDER THE UNITED STATES."

PRESIDENT KENNEDY UNDERSTOOD THIS PRINCIPLE CLEARLY

WHEN HE SAID IN 1960:

"I BELIEVE IN AN AMERICA

WHERE THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH & STATE IS ABSOLUTE,...

WHERE NO CATHOLIC PRELATE

COULD TELL THE PRESIDENT -- SHOULD HE BE CATHOLIC -- HOW TO ACT,...

AND NO PROTESTANT MINISTER

WOULD TELL HIS PARISHONERS FOR WHOM TO VOTE."

MY RELIGION IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF MY LIFE.

I'VE STUDIED THE BIBLE ALL MY LIFE.

BUT NOWHERE IN THE BIBLE -- OLD OR NEW TESTAMENT --

ARE THERE INSTRUCTIONS ON WHETHER TO HAVE A DEPT. OF EDUCATION,

*OR HOW TO CHOOSE
BETWEEN THE B-1
BOMBER & THE
AIR LAUNCHED
CRUISE
MISSILE*

~~WHETHER~~ ^{How} TO BALANCE THE BUDGET,

HOW MANY CHINAS THERE ARE,

OR WHO SHOULD MANAGE THE PANAMA CANAL ✓

AFTER THE YEAR 2000 A.D. ✓

WHAT I DO FIND IS " JUDGE NOT, THAT YE BE NOT JUDGED," & I FIND

THE COMMANDMENT TO LOVE MY NEIGHBOR. ✓

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AL SMITH FOLLOWED THAT PRINCIPLE.

IT INSPIRED THE WORK FOR WHICH WE HONOR HIS MEMORY TONIGHT. /

^{LITTLE}

"AVI LEITER" FOLLOWS THAT PRINCIPLE.

IT GUIDES HIM IN HIS PRAYERS EVERY DAY. /

WE HAVE COME THROUGH DIFFICULT & BITTER TIMES IN THIS COUNTRY
WE HAVE DONE WELL.

BUT WE CANNOT PAUSE ON A PLATEAU OF SELF-CONGRATULATION
WHILE "AVI LEITER" & OTHER FUTURE "AL SMITHS" OF AMERICA
STRUGGLE AGAINST THE SHEER WALLS OF INTOLERANCE
THAT ARE STILL ALL TOO EVIDENT. /

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I BELIEVE WE ARE READY TO MOVE ON.

I BELIEVE THAT WITH PATIENCE,
UNDERSTANDING,
& RENEWED EFFORT --

ALL AMERICANS WILL COME TO REALIZE
THAT THE SOUL OF FREEDOM
IS FREEDOM OF THE SOUL. /

THANK YOU. /

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Annual Dinner

*The Alfred E. Smith Memorial
Foundation, Inc.*

Thursday, the Sixteenth of October

one thousand nine hundred and eighty

*The Waldorf-Astoria
New York*

Alphabetical List and Table Arrangement

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS
WASHINGTON

October 16, 1980

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

From: Charlie Schultze ^{CLS}

Subject: September Housing Starts and Third Quarter GNP
(released at 9:30 a.m., Friday)

Housing Starts

Housing starts rose by a surprisingly strong 9 percent in September, to 1,544,000 units (from 1,416,000 units in August). While a large part of the increase stemmed from a rise in HUD subsidized multi-unit structures, single-family starts rose by 5 percent. The rise was particularly concentrated in the Northeast region (where the increase was 65 percent).

Building permits rose by a very large 15 percent. Permits are not a good advance indicator of future starts. But, from experience, we think they tend to provide a good signal about whether or not the housing starts numbers are solid or a statistical aberration. In this case, the permit data confirm that the September increase in starts really occurred.

In recent weeks I have been making a lot of speeches to business groups in large and small cities, and I am constantly bombarded with gloom and doom about what's going on in the housing industry. The data -- through September -- simply do not confirm that picture. While it is conceivable that the higher interest rates suddenly began to affect the industry in the first two weeks of October, I find that hypothesis quite implausible. The only thing I can think of is that builders, realtors, and savings and loan executives are confusing their fears about the future with current reality.

GNP

The first published estimate of third quarter GNP will show a 1 percent increase (annual rate). Final sales went up a strong 3.7 percent. Some inventory liquidation occurred. That's a good sign for continued GNP increases.

The overall price index for GNP (the GNP deflator) rose 9.1 percent, compared to a rise of 10.7 percent in the second quarter. (But, for technical reasons, the 10.7 was an overstatement, and the 9.1 is a slight understatement, of the overall rate of price increase.)

Only six weeks ago everyone was predicting a continued drop in GNP in the third quarter.