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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 15, 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FRANK MOORE F.M.

Senator Jennings Randolph telephoned me today and asked me to give you a message before your speech.

The Senator said that no navigator has ever distinguished himself on calm seas. He said you are passing through rough and troubled waters. However, he is confident that you know how and will keep a steady hand on the rudder.

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Research Department
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July 17, 1979

Mr. Jimmy Carter
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Your speech of July 15 was indeed sobering. I believe you are correct in your analysis of the current crisis of spirit in America, and its effect on our people's behavior and attitudes. I have noticed just such symptoms in my own friends.

However, I have hope, too. As a recent graduate engineer from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, I know that we have the technical ability to solve the energy shortage. And I want you to know that I support your energy program, and that I support you.

In my opinion, the most obvious method to drastically increase fuel conservation is to immediately enforce the adoption of more fuel efficient engines by the American automotive industry. Mr. Moody in Florida recently proved with much publicity that an automobile getting 80 MPG is entirely possible. This is about four times the average mileage of American cars!

Legislation must be passed to require the automotive companies to adopt more fuel efficient engines. Heavy fines must be levied for noncompliance, to provide the necessary economic incentive. The present mileage requirements as mandated by Congress are simply not sufficient.

It is possible, Mr. President. Please consider including my suggestion in your energy program.

Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully yours,
Sandy F.C. Stewart

(Mr.) Sandy F.C. Stewart, M. Eng., I.E.
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July 17, 1979

President James Carter
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

This is the first time I have ever written to express my feelings about our great country. This week-end while you and other important people were discussing the nation's plight in the oil situation, my husband & I rode our bikes to a local cemetary (historic in nature perhaps since people are there from the Revolution era). It made me pause and think how much we owe to the memory of these people and what they endured for my generation.

Each citizen of this country is affected by the terrible mess in energy. Mr. President, as a mother of six children some of whom are older than your daughter, Amy, I am gravely concerned and only wish you had acted earlier than you did.

However, I give you a strong vote of confidence, and shall help you in minute

ways such as conserving my family's needs for excessive use of lights, T.V. and gently reminding them to turn off lights.

Your two speeches were good, very good, even though I heard on the evening news that the sale of stocks was not affected by your eloquence.

Please stick to your guns and be firm with your commitments. Do not back down. Our great democracy needs to preserve the heritage of our forfathers, and I shall pray that God hears and works with us all. I hope He guides you and Congress in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Doris F. Jayne

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Mrs. Alice Oskvarek
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July 15th 1979

Dear Mr President,

I'm writing to you tonight because I have to let you know that this is one amerecan family Who is behind you 100%. I believe in you and our country and promise to do everything I can in my own small way to help you. I promise I will eliminate any un-necessary Trips by car, and will raise my home thermostat to conserve what energy I can at home.

As soon as they are available I would like to be one of the first to buy an Energy Bond. There are many things I would like to say to you, to let you know how deeply I feel about our country and will take and make every opportunity to say something good about America" as you suggested. If one by one starting with both you and I, we can

bring back the faith & confidence of the people in our future and our country then it will be a great accomplishment.

I want to thank you for your speech tonight, because through it, I truly believe the pride and strength of America will come shining through once again.

You will continue to be in my daily prayers.

If in your travels around

the country you come to Illinois
We (my self, my husband & my mother)
would be honored to open our
home to you.

God bless you, your family and
our nation.

Sincerely,

Alma J Osbeck

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17 July 79

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

Dear Mr. President:

Wasn't able to hear your speech while because I was working you making it on Sunday evening, but afterwards got phone calls from people and then read the text the next day.....and I want to go on record that I renew my pledge to support you.

I got the same feeling that I got watching the inauguration ceremony that cold day in January, when you walked...and I had busied myself visiting some Congressional offices and missed that innovative act of yours....I recall the speech you made and the feeling engendered at that time.

I will admit to being disillusioned and discouraged during the course of some of the past two years....but I think I'm steering you right to say...that the public heard you, heard what they had been needing to hear..to know that you were going to lead, to face facts, to get results for the COMMON GOOD. You will feel the swell of unified readiness if you but stay firm. Florida's Governor Graham in his speeches yesterday on the 10th anniversary of Apollo referred positively to your speech , with support like his, you've got a lot going for you, Mr. President.

God bless.....

Sincerely,

Tommi Copp

(Ms.) Tommi Copp

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Dear President Carter,

My husband and I were so happy to hear your speech last night. We have felt all along that these steps were necessary.

We will support your program in every way we can. We have already been driving less for some time, we are also installing a coal stove in our home and as of last night I promise to use my clothes dryer as little as possible

I am also going to write to my congressman Andy Maguire and tell him to support you as much as possible.

While we have in the past supported only republican candidates I feel that your leadership in this matter has won us over and even though you are not doing this for political reasons we want you to know we will support you in the next election also.

In closing I allso want you to know that I will pray for you and the country so God can give us the wisdom and strength we need. In Christ

Helen Lenthoven

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

July 17, 1979

Dear Mr. President:

I listened with great interest to your address to the nation Sunday evening, however, I was wondering during your presentation, how much the average citizen would identify with the problem without some re-inforcement.

As a matter of suggestion, I think it would be possible, with volunteer assistance, to convince American citizens as to the urgency of the program, as they hear what their peers are doing to assist.

I think that I am doing my part to conserve energy and have a positive approach in my attitude about the United States. However, I am also quite sure that ways could be pointed out on how I can do a better job, and yet not degrade my standard of living, which I believe is pretty good.

As a student of Political Science and a worker within the system, ( I am working on a MPA degree and work as a deputy sheriff) I can see where your points and suggestions are well taken. However, after talking to some of my fellow citizens, I can also see that they missed the points you brought out.

I would be more than willing to assist in any way that I can within reason, ie volunteer my assistance. I also realize that this letter will be one of many thousands you will receive in regards to your address. However, I realize that the chances of you personally reading this letter will also be slight, yet my intensions are sincere and hope that my suggestion will be considered worthwile. You have my support in this urgent effort.

Yours truly,

Norman H. Schrein

Norman H. Schrein
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Speech - Suppt Sveg Monday A.M.

Dear Pres. Carter,

I watched your speech last night with great interest. I am the wife and mother of a middle class family and we must live on a budget. But we are willing to live with increase in gas prices & gas rationing if it means we will end our dependance on opec oil. I really believe opec would someday use the oil to blackmail us in Relationship to Israel.

I have never written a letter to any government offical but I went to say something I really feel is important ~~the buying bonds~~ you spoke

About last night. If you want the working people to feel as if they are helping with the problem, make the bonds small enough that the average person can afford them. I know you said small but make it Really small $10 - $15. That way the working people can buy them without making the family go without something, like food. If you make the bonds $50-$100 we couldn't afford it + I guess we would feel, well the rich are controlling it again. I Really feel the average person needs to believe they matter when it comes to the government. Sometimes we feel we are only out here to pay money to unneeded projects + that our money goes to people that already have enough money.

I pray that somehow you get to see ~~this letter + I pray for~~



you frequently.

God bless you,

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July 15, 1979 10:30 PM

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. President:

Although I rooted for Mr. Ford in 1976, I've been following your carreer closely. I think that this was the best speech I've ever had the pleasure to hear you deliver.

First, I thought that your forbiddance of "one more drop of oil" than entered the nation in 1977 was inspiring. The USA needs leadership, and that was leading

But I have a problem I'm fourteen That may not sound like much, but

that means I don't have a car to keep in the driveway one day a week. And it means that I don't have a thermostat to control. Can I volunteer for some "basic training" in conservation from the Commander-in-Chief of the army in the war on energy problems?

Sir, one thing has been bothering me since the gas lines started. Limosines (such as the ones I presume you use) and tanks (as in the armed forces) aren't very fuel efficient. Please try to correct that.

Finally, I was thrilled to discover that I am a citizen of a nation whose leader is unafraid to call upon God in public. I have one good thing to say about America - Jimmy Carter is its president!!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Hamilton

Jennifer Hamilton

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Americans eager
help us
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President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President,

I just finished listening to your speech. I think it is important for the people of this country to respond to you about the attitude of the American people. First of all, Mr. President, I'm twenty four years old, single and employed by The University of Iowa. As I just mentioned this country has an attitude problem - mostly from the lack of confidence of the government. If some of our congressmen and congresswomen could be more forward and honest to the people they are serving, that would be a good start. Recognizing the problem is only half the battle, solving it is the other half. Also, I'm making an appointment with the minister of our family church to find a better way of communication and trust in one another, and to the other people of this small city and state. Frankly, I started to cry during your speech because the problems we have as a nation are true. But some people won't recognize the problem unless they see another person doing something about it.

Secondly, I think it should be mandatory for all city, state and federal employers to redesign the work schedules of employees whenever possible to coincide with bus schedules so it will be easier for the majority of the people to use mass transit. I believe that more funding should be made available for the study of mass transit. This, for an average city of 100,000 or less could possibly save twenty five percent or more gas per consumer. For myself, it would save fifty percent of the gas that I consume.

Third, I was pleased to hear that you are cutting the importing of oil. I believe that OPEC has been running this country, and I agree with you that we should begin to cut them off. We should cut the import oil as much as we are exporting.

Mr. President, like I said, I'm single. Someday I want to get married and start a family. But I don't want my children living in a nation that doesn't have backbone and a standard set of values as the people had before us in history. They should be proud of our country and willing to work hard to preserve our heritage.

I'm behind you, Mr. President, and with God's help and the American people doing their share, we will succeed.

Sincerely yours,

Janet R. Albrecht

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July 16, 1979

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

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your talk on Sunday evening. In our house we were encouraged and moved by the things you said.

As you reach out to the people of America you may have the feeling that we are looking the other way. That is not true. We learned from Franklin Roosevelt that a great voice and a great vision can move us to do things that we had forgotten how to do. We learned from Harry Truman that the great and difficult decisions can be made and the actions taken that pursue the best and highest interests and instincts of the nation. So we know that our President can make the difference. We want you to make that difference now.

The people are not unaware of the problems you have with the Congress. They know that the Senate "reeks of oil" as one Senator recently confessed. They know that a Congressman who gathers $2 million for a campaign does not go to the House unencumbered. So, the people look to the President to establish the moral basis and the national goals and to force the Congress to listen and to respond. Of course, you remember Harry Truman's campaign against the 80th Congress and the great success he enjoyed with that direct appeal to the people of America. He held up the Congress and its illicit liaisons with industry and business for all to see and then gave them a public whipping. And the people of America -- the people you talked with on Sunday night -- felt that there was a voice that said what they wanted said. And they cheered him on.

The separation of powers contemplates the President's right and affirmative duty to challenge the Congress and check its irresponsibility; further, only the President draws authority and power from all of the people and must use that power and authority to diminish the special and sectional interests that dominate the Congress. You must take on the Congress in open battle. In doing this you would also be engaging in combat with the private interests that the Congress represents. The American people would cheer you for that. Most of the great events in American history had such a conflict as part of their development, and the great presidents were those whose vision transcended the parochial views of the Congress and saw a greater national interest or objective to be served.

You can be with us through 1984. But we must have a chance to help you and support you, and clear reasons to do so, reasons that go beyond party or personality, reasons that are the reflection of the best in each of us, and reasons that have their grounding in something other than the special interests of private groups. And we need those reasons now.

Mr. President, you are as close today as you will ever be to shaping the balance of the Twentieth Century for America. The next six months -- not the next five years -- can turn the nation onto a course of revitalization of free people governing themselves with the guidance and leadership of a President whose only commitment is to the people and the country's interests and needs, a President unafraid of threats from great concentrations of economic power, a President who follows his own good instincts.

We wish you well, Mr. President. Because this is America, we will never lose everything, no matter what the President does; but we have so much to gain if you seize this moment.

Respectfully,

Charles W. Gray

#10 speech Support Effort July 15, 1979

DEAR MR PRESIDENT,

I AM 25 YEARS OLD AND YOU ARE THE FIRST POLITICIAN I TRUST. YOU ARE A LEADER, THE LEADER OF THE GREATEST NATION ON EARTH, AND YOU HAVE PROVEN TO ME THAT IT IS TIME TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS GREAT LAND OF OURS.

YOU ARE THE FIRST POLITICIAN THAT HAS SAID THE WORDS THAT I HAVE BEEN THINKING FOR YEARS. LAST MONTH I PURCHASED A MOPED TO DRIVE TO WORK WITH. I PLAN TO USE IT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, AND BY DOING SO I HAVE CUT MY GAS CONSUMPTION BY 75%.

I HAVE A WIFE AND A 16 MONTH OLD SON, AND I DONT CARE WHAT I HAVE TO DO TO MAKE SURE THAT HE GROWS UP IN THE FREE AND GREAT LAND

IN WHICH I WAS RAISED. YOU HAVE MY SUPPORT AND MY LOVE. I AM 100% BEHIND YOU!! GO TO WORK AND THE SILENT MAJORITY WILL MAKE THE LOUDEST NOISE IN BACKING YOU UP THAT HAS EVER BEEN HEARD BEFORE.

PLEASE EXCUSE THIS LETTER (FOR SPELLING AND SUCH.) I PRINTED SO THAT YOU COULD READ IT EASIER - BECAUSE I REALLY DO WANT YOU TO READ IT TO KNOW HOW WE FEEL. THE HOUR IS LATE, AND I HAVE BEEN UP THINKING ABOUT WRITING TO YOU FOR THREE HOURS AFTER YOUR SPEECH. I HAVE NEVER WRITTEN TO A POLITICIAN BEFORE, BUT PERHAPS YOU WILL HEAR FROM ME AGAIN.

IN CLOSING, KNOW THAT I AM ONE LESS AMERICAN THAT YOU HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT DOING HIS PART.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Love,

Thomas F. Winslow
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MALDEN, MASS. 02148

P.S. MY PRAYERS AND THE PRAYERS AND SUPPORT OF MY FAMILY ARE BEHIND YOU ALL THE WAY.

Speech Response

L. Gossack

July 15, 1979.

1553 Adams St.
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Dear President Carter:

I listened to your speech earlier this evening and I was moved by it and thought I'd share some of the ideas it provoked.

I too have been bothered by the pessimistic, cynical attitude that seems to be increasingly prevalent in this country. I was surprised to find out how many Americans refused to believe that the gas shortage was real, for example--that it was merely a hoax of the oil companies. This is only one of many examples of a lack of trust and faith in one's fellow human beings, and evidence of a widespread feeling that one is being taken advantage of.

It unfortunately seems that many Americans don't appreciate their own country. They have it so good that they take too much for granted, and expect too much. I have travelled in Western and Eastern Europe, and lived in and studied Latin America, and this familiarity with other countries and forms of governments has made me realize how great this country is--how little real poverty we have as a percentage of the total population, how high the average standard of living is. I personally cannot believe in the Communist threat of world domination because I met so few people living in Communist countries who would fight for their system of government.

I also feel that you are absolutely correct about this crisis of confidence in the United States. Obviously I am not in a position to suggest any answers or solutions, and I can't really judge how much you are to blame. I personally was inspired by your speech to more conscientously conserve and invest possibly in the energy bonds, although living in Wisconsin makes it difficult for me to conserve as much as I'd like to. In your speech, you came across as rather tense and worried, and some have suggested that this did not inspire confidence in them. Of course, speeches are bound to affect everyone differently, and the prevailing cynical attitude towards government does not help. In my opinion, this simply shows that you are a very genuine person, speaking from your heart. I identify with and admire your values on peace and human rights, and feel much more comfortable with you in the White House than the egocentric, heartless, sadistic leaders who kept this country involved in Vietnam for so long. I also admire your honesty and willingness to reach out and fight for what you believe in. It's a pity that so many Americans are not understanding or accepting of one another or willing to look at themselves and their values more critically. You should continue to take pride in your beliefs.

As a graduate student, I can and will cut down drastically on the use of my car, despite my California upbringing. I will strive to use public transportation as much as possible, and accept the slight inconvenience as I did when I lived abroad. I will continue to use an electric blanket in order to turn heating down at night, and if I had a home, I would be willing to use a portable heater rather than wasteful central heating. When I move to a community of which I am more a part, I hope to more actively work to promote something like carpooling, the lack of which I see as the epitome of American egocentricity. I will do what I can because I respect you and this country and realize that I have and have had a very good life, and I will fight for my beliefs. I wish you the best of luck in these admirable endeavors.

Sincerely,

Linda Gossack

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From: Judith A. Avery
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To:The President and Mrs. Carter
White House
Washington,DC

Dear President and Mrs.Carter,

There is a big posibility this may never be read by you but,if it is---I very much want you to know,you have my prayers, support,and love. You are the most honest,hard working,beautiful, Christian family ever to enter the Whitehouse and lead our nation. I'm very proud to have you as President of this great land.

I heard you calling---asking for our help. I want to help and feel I haven't done enough.

I don't want to make any pleese,I only want you to know, we do know how tough it is ---these times we're all living in now---they are hard. I'm a divorced woman,34 years old,with 4 children to raise alone.No job,because there is no jobs;$50 in my pocket and $500 in bills due any day. I'm scared,only because I'm trying and can't seam to get ahead.

People are blameing you.That is so unfair.What we should all do is look at ourselves.The American people are so spoiled, so wasteful.

We need to "Give more and take less;we need to share more and own less;we need to feel more to understand others;we need to love more to be loved back.We need to create a world where all can peacefully live the life they choose!"

Thank you for what you've given us,the American People!

With Much Support
The Avery's
Judith,Teresa,Timothy,Billy
and Tina

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July 16, 1979

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

Dear President Carter

I listened to your speech last night & the TV reviews afterwards. I was dismayed by the negative attitudes of reviewers on all 3 major channels and felt moved to respond personally, - as they were not speaking for me.

I agreed with your comments on Faith and the goals you've set for America. This is truly a blessed land and I firmly believe that if you will sincerely seek wisdom from our Father in Heaven, He will guide and direct your thoughts. The content of your speech shows you do this.

Last June (1978) I left a vocation as the first female Sergeant with the Wash. State Dept of Licensing - Driver Examining Division - a supposed pinnacle of success. I purchased a home and began a day care center in my home. I have decreased energy consumption by over 50% and am strengthening my family ties (I have a son age 15) within my family unit and with my parental family. My

home and yard are well kept. I have more personal pride in myself and my accomplishments than I had while I was seeking praise from my fellow man and storing up material possessions.

I encourage you to take the actions you have proposed. Surely there must be more than just you and me that believe that only positive action will get us through this crisis.

Sincerely

Kathleen Leong

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Energy Saver + Sug

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July 16, 1979

Dear Mr. President,

I am a young American, currently a graduate student in clinical psychology. For several months I have wanted to write you this letter. Although I have never written a President before -(I felt they would not/ could not listen), it seems that you have indeed invited the comments and suggestions of Americans like myself. It is with the hope that my letter will meet your eye and your heart, that I now disclose my comments and suggestions to you.

First, Mr. President, I and other young people like me want you to know that we are ready to fight, and ready to sacrifice. We realize that our lifestyles must change, that we must find a way to regain the independence that our ancestors won for us. Mr. President, show us how. Lead the way. Give us concrete, practical ways to win this energy battle. We need to know what to do, and how to do it. Perhaps what I'm saying is that we need to see your leadership extended to the county and community level. I'm not sure how this can be done, but I do have one idea in mind.

We need to educate our young people, high school as well as college age, about the energy crisis and about their role in solving it. Let them become inspired to work and lobby for greater resource conservation and development within their own communities. Let energy become the cause that civil rights was in the 1960's. As a means of organizing our young people, I suggest establishing a national organization of young people for energy, coordinated by someone on your staff. Allow these young people to feel responsible to you and to the country. Encourage them to report their progress to their communities and to you. It seems that the one resource our country has never lacked, and has in great abundance now, is human ingenuity and perseverance. Let us capitalize on the vast resource of young Americans to raise our nation's consciousness and change our nation's attitudes towards energy. We are those that have the most to lose by continuing present lifestyles, and therfore the most to gain by pursuing the bold new challenge you have set forth. Please, don't underestimate the dedication and energy of young people. With the proper leadership, we can win battles. But most of all, we have hope and faith. We do not want to wallow in despair, but instead to show the strength and courage that is our birthright.

I hope this letter inspires you, Mr. President. Yours must be a tiring and often thankless battle. I have sent a copy of this letter to my congressman and senators, along with my urgent request that they vote in favor of your windfall profits tax. In addition, I have let them know how disappointed I am in their failure to act responsibly on energy legislation. I personally, will look for ways to do more. I drive about 40% less each week, observe the 55 mph speed limit, do not use an air conditioner, and keep my apartment at 62 degrees in the winter.

Finally, Mr. President, I applaud your vigor and determination. I stand behind you and await your concrete suggestions and battle plan.

Sincerely,

a constituent

Donna E. Andrews

Donna E. Andrews

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July 15

Dear Mr. President,

We just watched your speech and feel we must write you to express our support.

We wish to be led as a nation - not as small groups, selfishly motivated. We are willing to sacrifice in order to bring the country together and to eliminate our overdependence on O.P.E.C. We feel that Americans can and are willing to stand together. And standing together as a nation should be an objective of the highest priority.

Pride in our country, helping one another, standing up for our beliefs should be taught to our children rather than apathy and insincerity.

Thank you for standing before the country and saying we need to straighten up. We realize that it would be easier

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to give a speech which would appease the so-called "influentials" within our society but now we need leadership and strength.

There is so much to be said for America. We hope the country seriously heeds your advice and looks on the positive side. We must make it popular to praise America rather than to sit back and complain.

Rest assured that we as a family will do our part in this noble effort.

Sincerely,
Pam Burton
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July 24 1979

Dear Mr. President,

The people in rural America are concerned about the energy Problem.

At our Grange meeting we had a roll call:— If the President came to your door and asked how to save energy, what would you tell him?

Some of the answers are:

1. Keep the stores open two nights a week until 10 P.M. instead of six nights.
2. Set an example in D.C. to conserve, so nation could follow.
3. Everyone shut off TV's, radios, lights etc, when not using them.

4. Give up use of large automobiles in D.C.
5. Day light saving the year around. The children could start to school one hour later, We did it during World War II.

America is the best country in the world, We must keep it that way.

Sincerely

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July 15, 1979

President Jimmy Carter
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Carter,

Thank you for your firm and inspiring talk to us this evening. We do face serious national problems but, as you say, we do have tested ingenuity and competence to solve them if we want to. It is, indeed, a moral and spiritual crisis that we face. We suffer from a lack of confidence following the cumulative shocks to some of our basic assumptions. To overcome these problems we must join forces at all levels to change our priorities. This will be hard because we have become locked into mental images of what many special interests want as priorities. We feel that the military-industrial complex, the huge and impersonal bureaucracy of government, and the multi-national corporations wield an immobilizing power over our individual and national lives.

Some of your suggestions should help us start shifting these priorities. You seem to be planning to use our brain power for solving our energy problems instead of for creating more horrifying instruments of death. This type of manpower conversion is most encouraging. I am sure that most people would prefer to be in life-enhancing jobs than in life-denying ones, if they have a viable choice. Using our financial resources for energy conservation and production domestically can also help build up our economic strength and our confidence in ourselves as problem solvers. Some such good shocks can really bring us together to be about the business of nation building - the American dream.

Sincerely,

Frances Youatt

Frances Youatt

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July 16, 1979

President Carter
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Carter:

A wonderful speech! Well worth waiting for. Timely. And so very much needed. Thank you.

The tendency of the media and the congress to pick up every negative factor and blow it up entirely out of perspective has been frightening. No wonder the public has lost sense of direction....and become hostage to 'the ME generation'. Members of congress have been shocking in their effort to attract attention and build themselves up by pulling much of the world down.

It is time for responsible members of congress to give leadership and unite behind our President. Of whom we are very proud! You have tackled problems that have been swept under the rug for years. It obviously is no way to get votes, unless you can get the support of media and government officials.

Now is the time. There is power behind yesterday's statement. Please follow through. You have very loyal supporters of the values for which you stand. The media and the Congress must begin to understand this.

Thank you for last night's excellent speech.

Sincerely,

Virginia and Dick Summey

Virginia and Dick Summey

P.S. We have taken the liberty of attaching a technical suggestion re your broadcasts.

Eo Vaher
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15 July, 1979

Dear Mr. President,

I support your program as outlined in your speech.

I'd like to suggest two energy saving tips:

1. In home heating systems lot of heat is lost to the outside thru the chimney. Perhaps government could sponsor an agency to manufacture and install a flue control, which could save 20% to 30% of fuel.

2. Most automobiles on the road are not properly tuned. An energy saving program thru some govt institution to check and tune automobiles might save 10 to 30% of fuel.

Sincerely,
Eo Vaher

July 16, 1979

President Carter
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Carter:

We would like to thank you for the attitude you took in your address to the nation on energy and our nation's Confidence. It is truly inspiring to see a fellow Christian care enough about our country to speak out as you did.

We too share your concern for the welfare of our nation's people and your confidence in the American people to have.

the courage to overcome the present crisis.

We, as a family, feel the need to do our part to conserve our natural resources.

You, as well as the other leaders of our country, are constantly in our prayers.

Sincerely,

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& Family
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July 16, 1979

President Jimmy Carter
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President,

I was very touched by your speech last evening.

Your approach---that of putting your program into a framework of a departure from materiality and a strengthening of spiritual values---was precisely what the nation needed---and NEEDS.

So many of the post analyses by the media dealt with the forensics which, while it obviously indicates a shallowness of perception, was a tribute to the work that went into your effort. I thought it was a vast improvement from that standpoint. At the start, you were obviously overwhelmed by the import of your task and this showed in obviously studied gesturing, but as you (and your audience) became caught up in the substance of the talk, this dropped away and you came across extremely forcefully. In the future, I hope you won't forget to change pace, let your natural sense of humor and smile come into play.

As a nation, we need humor as well as a return to spiritual values.

I thought your program was superbly outlined. While I am a life-long Republican, I shall do everything in my personal power to support the goals set forth and to support you in my prayers and speech.

One last thought. While you decry, and rightfully so, the attitude of the American people towards their government, the President, and the Congress, this attitude is a result of mental conditioning throughout the decades of the underlying political thought in this nation, which has been that for every problem there is a legislative or an administrative solution. Then, when the "solution" has been put in place it seems to generate another set of problems which, in turn, must be solved through the good offices of Government.

As a consequence, the American people have been conditioned to look to Washington for the answers to all of their problems. Then, as a natural counterpart, when the solutions are not perfect (as human solutions so seldom are), and when problems arise, it is similarly natural for the people to blame Washington. This is the rationale of the deteriorated confidence of which you spoke. A people that has been weaned away from their national heritage of self-reliance, has become weak and lacking in spiritual fiber.

I hope you can contribute to a reversal. You have my support in this.

Sincerely,

Bill Mac Kenzie

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Mr. & Mrs. Steven J. Torissen
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Edina, Minn. 55435
July 15, 1979

Dear President Carter, S+V

We support the man that we saw on television last Sunday. He was concerned about the spiritual and material well being of his people. He appeared honest, knowledgeable and courageous.

The programs you spoke of require our work and sacrifice. We pledge you the support of our family. Mr. President, we ask one thing of you in return. If our goals as a nation are to conserve energy, to increase productivity and above all to increase our national self-esteem, then the policies which Washington set should be rational. Those policies should not cave in to the special interests of labor or business. Let's clean up the tax law mess. Let's revitalize the bureaucracy. Let's de-regulate. Let us let America work.

Mr. President listening to many of the commentators analyze your speech, we saw the sophistry which exists in the press and Washington. The commentators almost universally ascribed your motives to politics. We see your speech and stance as an act of bravery and patriotism. God bless you sir.

Yours truly,

Steven J. Torissen : Deborah Torissen

cc. Senator Boschwitz
Senator Durenberger
Congressman Frenzel

Michael L. Pate
10317 Gladewood Drive
Houston, Texas 77041

July 16, 1979

Honorable Bill Archer
1024 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Archer:

I am a relatively young (26) voter who has resided in the Houston area since I finished college in August, 1978. This letter is inspired partly by President Carter's speech of Sunday night, and partly by my own desire to express my thoughts to someone with the power to act.

Although I have not been one of President Carter's more enthusiastic supporters in the past, I feel that his presentation Sunday night accurately reflected the crisis in American society today, and proposed many feasible, if not ideal, solutions.

I have long believed that, given the chance, an unregulated market economy would efficiently allocate supplies of scarce resources. If the government wishes to benefit a particular segment of society, it can do so by working through the system (e.g. - as it does with food stamps), rather than trying to control it (e.g. - price and allocation controls). The national energy corporation proposed by the President, at least insofar as it works as a venture capital organization to give financial backing to projects which might otherwise not get private support, sounds like an attempt to help our country through private sector activities. Other possible government actions which could help alleviate the present situation without distorting our capitalist system are: per barrel tax credits for crude oil produced from shale and tar sands; import duties on imported crude; tax incentives for coal-fired utility construction; deregulation of crude oil and natural gas; elimination of the entitlements program; attempts to encourage, rather than discourage, the building of necessary pipelines and refineries when and where they are needed; and tax incentives for investment in pollution control incidental to energy production.

None of these suggestions are new. Some may be more feasible than others. But the thrust of this letter is not so much the advocacy of a particular cure-all as it is a plea to act, and then work through the system to help those who need special consideration. My co-workers and I agree that there are many ways to go in solving the energy crisis, and with your position on the Ways and Means Committee, you will undoubtedly be exposed to a vast number of them. All I ask is that you be willing to compromise, and willing to support something you feel is second-best rather than lend your support to nothing at all. Inaction will not help.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Michael L. Pate

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Michael L. Pate
10317 Gladewood Drive
Houston, Texas 77041

July 16, 1979

The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Attached please find a copy of a letter I have recently written to my Representative in Congress. I thought you might be interested in my views.

Your speech of July 15 did much to restore my faith in our democratic system, that we may yet find a way to make our system succeed in the modern world. It is my view that the way to success leads away from government control and regulation and toward a more free-market economy, where American innovation and know-how is allowed to work, and government intervenes only to help those who really need help. I would like to picture our federal government as a leader, an arbiter and a defender - not a mother. Unfortunately, the self interest that pervades the United States today is felt to be even more prevalent in Washington, D. C., where re-election and proliferation of bureaucracy are the keys to job security, irregardless of the effect that broken promises and increasing red tape have on the spirit and the confidence of the American people. We are tired of talk and procrastination. We accept the fact that action may bring errors, but action is now what is required.

Although you did not receive my vote in the November, 1978 election, you now have my "vote" to lead this country.

Sincerely yours,

Michael L. Pate

Michael L. Pate

/MLP
Attachment

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6/16

Dear President Carter,

I think you are right, we should not be dependent on other Countries for energy.

I think we should all make the sacrifices necessary to achieve the goal of solving the energy shortage.

I know that you are trying to do what is best for the Country.

You have access to information and the intent to do what is right and good where as many of your Critics are Considering Narrow interests as opposed to the general good of the nation.

I appreciate yo

and I will support you.

I think you should Continue to assert yourself as you did with your Speech last night (6/15)

Like Children need discipline and firmness from their parents I think ~~we~~ people need the same from their Leader.

Keep up the good work ☺

Sincerely

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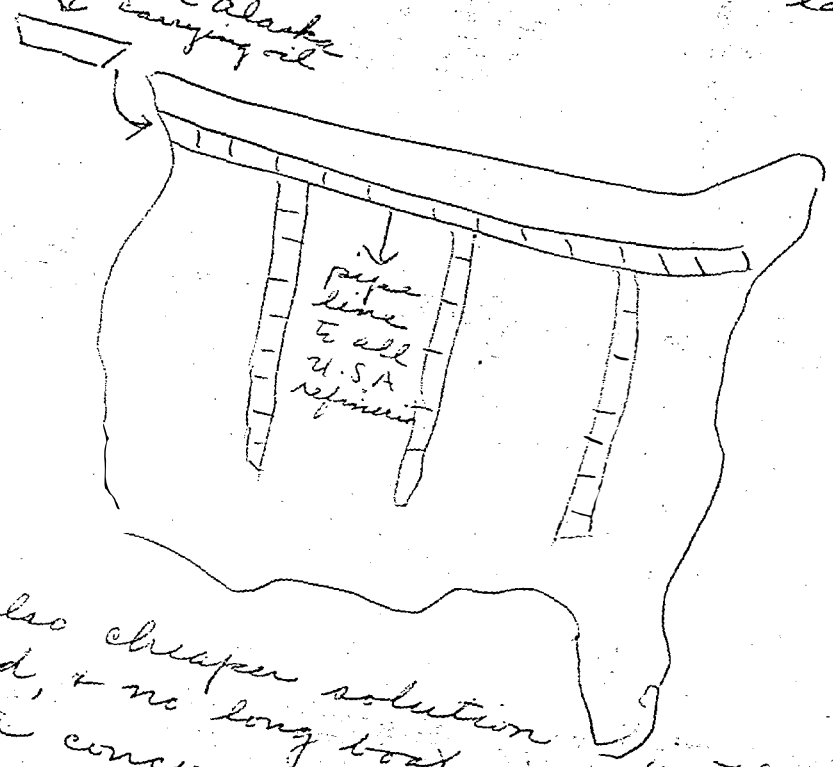
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Dear Mr. President
of the U.S.A.
Jimmy Carter:

I will make this as brief as possible. I listened to all three of your "energy" speeches. I thought you were great! Then came the pro & con on evening news. Risks on health hazards & prices higher than ever when we get our shale oil & other coal abstracts. So now I doubt your ideas would be worth the try.

This is a thought from me. Now that we have the Alaska oil, why not use the oil we already have? We could concentrate on pipe liners & oil refineries & build these pipe lines from State of Washington to Maine & pipe lines

from northern state pipe line
to southern states + refineries
This would eliminate long
journeys from Alaska to
our southern states + eastern
states.




also cheaper solution in the
end, + no long boat journeys

A concerned citizen.

Sincerely, Marie Zuber

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Mrs. Barbara A. Moore
2020 Jefferson St.
Anderson, Ind. 46014
7-15-79

Dear Mr. President,

Your so right That perhaps we Americans have gone astray. In regards To faith in our goverment and our leaders.

But, it's so easy when our nations goverment says one Thing and does another. Tells The people of America To do certain Things To conserve energy and does nothing To set a right and good example.

Granted energy is a problem for every American not just The poor and The average working person. But,

for rich and poor alike. From the highest office in the Nation to the chimney sweeps. And as it is now, a divided Nation can not stand for long.

As a kid during W.W. II we took our dimes & nickels to school to buy savings stamps. Yes, in a way we too (the kids) did our part. Back then, all of us here at home supported our men in service and above all else we all loved, fought and died for, and appreciated our country.

As a 46 year old widow and mother, I have already some months ago started my conservation part. A small car instead of a truck. It sits in the garage

for days on end. A push-mower instead of gas powered. Nothing over a 25 Watt bulb in lamps, seldom used. Mostly night lights in use.

I for one think the drug problem in one aspect that is dragging many ~~citizens~~ morals down. Harder and more severe penalties are needed. Both, for pushers and users.

Respect needs to be re-established in people's attitudes towards government. But, when those in office tends to mis-lead the public, how can respect be built? It can't!

President Carter, if the Congress and the Senate, and our Country's no. 1 leader

would place Trust in and be One Hundred Per Cent absolutely honest & forthright with The people, all The people — Perhaps we all could band Together. Hand in hand, we could and can lick any problem Thrown in our way.

All shoulders Together, we can solve This energy problem. Unemployment, inflation, recession, no matter what. I am an American. I am proud to be an American. And I am even more proud of my country. The United States of America. Given a cause, I'm confident each and every citizen will stand up for what is best & what is right for The majority of The people.

Not letting just a few try and work and do. But, each can fight & conserve in their own way.

Conservation and good ole' Common Sense, good for all! And best of all, it also means our people an' our country will regain place number One. Sure in the past, perhaps we've slid. But, no one can keep an American or the U.S. down. And they can't ever count us out. For we're Hope and we're gonna stay there.

Thank you -

Very Sincerely,
Barbara A. Moore

Speech — Supp —

MRS. WILLIAM W. SCHRIEVER
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July 16 '79

Dear Mr. President,

"Amen" to your ~~Speech~~ I remember the "A" stickers and 35mph national ~~speed~~ limit of WW II. I realize most of our people are too young to recall those days.

To me it is unconscionable that we Americans let our love of luxurie consume us as we consume oil, with the result that other nations presume to dictate our foreign policy.

~~I have started riding a bike again after 10 yrs, and am now walking~~ to the post office etc. Probably just a symbolic gesture, but this is what our country needs. Thousands of "Symbolic Gestures" starting with the White House!

MRS. WILLIAM W. SCHRIEVER
BOX 128 MAIN ROAD
ORIENT, NEW YORK 11957

I pray daily that the cynicism of the media reporters and commentators does not infect the nations leaders- and influence

It seems ~~these days that~~ credibility only lies with those who carp and find fault.

If I remember my history correctly, the Eastern establishment papers did not rate Abraham Lincoln very highly either.

It must give you great satisfaction to see Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin "hitting it off" so well together

You are a great President - one of the greatest but you are too easy on the Congress! I heard Reg Udall + Pennick last night they were great - gave you Real Support

Sincerely, Barbara Schriever.

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Dear President Carter,

I want to congradulate you on your speech last night. We waited all day to hear it and I feel it was well worth the wait. I felt such a deep sense of pride and reassurance as I listened and I agree that we must sacrifice a little personal comfort and we are doing that right now. I live 12 miles from a store and now I make, sure that I make only 2 trips into town a week unless I have a Dr. appointment or something like that. We keep only 1 light on during the day and are in the process of caulking all windows and putting in more insulation in the ceiling + walls. Our home is in real need of it, that's for sure. We only hope all Americans will do all they can also.

Thank you, once again, for this most timely, most appreciated speech.

Very Sincerely

Lucille Sparks
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Penfield, Ill. 61862

Sp-S+V + Ques

MRS. MORTON H. BAKER
284 HEATH'S BRIDGE ROAD, CONCORD, MASS. 01742

July 16, 1979

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your speech last night. We agree with you on the urgency of the situation. We, too, are ti ed of Congress trying to please special interests instead of thinking about the country as a whole.

We also have a question. Wouldn't it be the easiest first step to let the price of gas and oil rise now to reflect the cost of importing it? Then the American genius in the market place would be let loose because alternatives to oil would immediately become economically feasible to develop. Private industry's creative abilities would go to work on solutions which suit the diverse needs and situations this large country presents and in the process many new jobs would be created and individuals would feel they were part of the solution.

With higher prices people would begin to conserve in ways that fitted their life styles instead of perhaps opposing or trying to get around mandated ways such as taking each car off the road one day a week which simply would not work for our family. But we do drive small cars, at the speed limit as little as possible already so we're not against conservation.

Indeed, we are in favor of public transportation and a national returnable bottle and can law. Higher prices for oil would automatically reduce the amount of thrown-away plastic which is like spilling oil on the ground. And how about encouraging textile manufactu ers to use more natural fibers in place of synthetics which use oil to make?

I'd rather pay lots more for gas and oil than pay higher taxes to finance a crash program for synthetic fuels. Taxes just make one angry with "the government". Higher prices make one think twice before spending. We still have more control over our pocketbooks than over the way our taxes are spent. Keep this necessary energy crusade as close to the people as you can and you will win it.

We also will be with you in 1980 as we were in 1976.

Sincerely you s,

Mary Elizabeth G. Baker

Maywood, Cal.
July 15, 1979

Dear Mr. President: Just heard your speech and wanted you to know that I am back of you 100%.

I am a widower retired from Ford Motor Co here in Los Angeles.

I know I have a plan that if it could be put into effect would save millions of gallons of gasoline each day. And it is very simple but I honestly didn't know where to start until I heard your speech tonite.

My plan is to have all cities and their suburbs coordinate their street signals so that traffic on most of the main streets can be kept moving instead of stopping at almost every intersection. I have travelled a lot in the U.S. and Chicago, Ill. and Long Beach, Calif. are proof it can be done. It would mean an increase of at least 5 miles per gallon for every car on the city streets.

Wishing you and yours the best in the coming years.

Yours Truly.

Gerald E. Howard
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Maywood Cal. 90270

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July 16, 1979

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Mr. President:

Our family waited with great anticipation to listen to your address to the American people regarding the energy crisis.

We were sincerely moved by your comments and asking the American people to reunite as a country and to be willing to make personal sacrifices in order to conserve energy. In doing this it is inevitable that our country could eventually be totally self-sufficent in the years ahead of us.

Unfortunately, because of the fast pace at which we live, the conservation of gasoline may be more difficult to achieve unless rationing is enforced to some extent.

As far as heating of homes is concerned, I was quite surprised that the alternative of heating with wood was not addressed, even as a supplemental back-up to solar energy. In many areas of the United States wood is plentiful and a renewable resource. In locations where this may not hold true, many companies are marketing wood pellets which are made out of organic fiberous waste and is retailed at a more than reasonable price.

Our family of four is in the income bracket of of approximately $38,000 per year, which is most likely above average. Approximately two and one-half years ago we purchased a woodburning stove through the company that I am employed by. Over this two year period we have drastically reduced our home heating costs (some months as much as 50%). Our initial investment was within our budget, whereas with solar the cost was much too expensive.

After your earlier announcement of your intention to install a woodburning stove in the White House, we were somewhat surprised and disappointed that heating with wood as a conservation measure for Americans was not mentioned, as thousands of families are already heating their homes with wood. Perhaps there are reasons for this that we are not aware of and I would appreciate having a better understanding of this.

We look forward to hearing your future addresses to Americans. We are proud to be American citizens and will do everything possible within our own family to conserve energy and support all of your proposals.

Sincerely,

Mrs. William J. King

Mrs. William J. King
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Eugene, Oregon 97405

"Brickhouse Lot"
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Bryantown, Md. 20617

301/274-4541

July 17, 1979

The Hon. James Carter
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. President:

As a private citizen and a former utility public information staffer, I perhaps realize more vividly than the average citizen the short and longterm seriousness of our country's energy situation. Not until Americans realize that our energy problems are graver than long lines at gas stations will we be able to begin solving our crisis.

We must pull out all the stops. The proposals you outlined on Sunday night support this type of national committment. In turn, I want you to know that I concur with your proposals. In my community, I will urge support of your programs and will do whatever I am able to bring us one step closer to energy freedom.

The American people are in dire need of strong, responsible and nonaligned leadership. Your continued courage in providing such leadership may provide the necessary impetus to motivate all our public officials and citizens to meet this energy challenge.

Very truly yours,

Christie D. Selph

cc: R. Bauman
C. Mathias
P. Sarbanes
J. Simpson

333 Spruce Street
Cheshire, Connecticut 06410
July 17, 1979

President Carter
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I applaud your recent presentation and stand regarding energy. I fully support your policies and know that many others around me feel the same. I want to take this opportunity to not only compliment you but assure you that I will do all in my power to actively participate in this common cause.

I further believe conservation must be mandated beyound the level of our public offices and buildings. Commercial businesses and retail outlets are responsible for wasting substantial amounts of energy. As an example department stores and super food markets are airconditioned to an uncomfortably cold temperature in the summer requiring sweaters and jackets to be worn upon entering. We must all work together - they must have mandates imposed on them too!

May the good Lord guide you in the days ahead.

Very truly yours,

Karen B. Barletta

Karen B. Barletta
(Mrs. Michael Barletta)

July 15, 1979

Dear Mr President

Thank you for your speech today.
I have lived thru the wars you spoke of and
I remember how we all rallied to help Pres Roosevelt
and Truman. Your forcefulness reminded
me of their approach to problems. Because
you are from the southern part of United States,
your voice is soft like most and many
people equated your gentle manner of speaking
with a weakness of purpose. But I believe you
are a strong man - strong willed and strong hearted.
We all need to wake up and face reality -
and stop expecting life to be easy. God
has blest this land above all others and we
should realize it before we waste any more time -
I trust in your judgment and I hope and
pray that those who oppose you out of spite
and malice will now give you support.

I love my Country - my husband served
it - and God willing, my children and grandchildren
shall inherit it and live free peacefully all
their lives. With much respect and admiration.

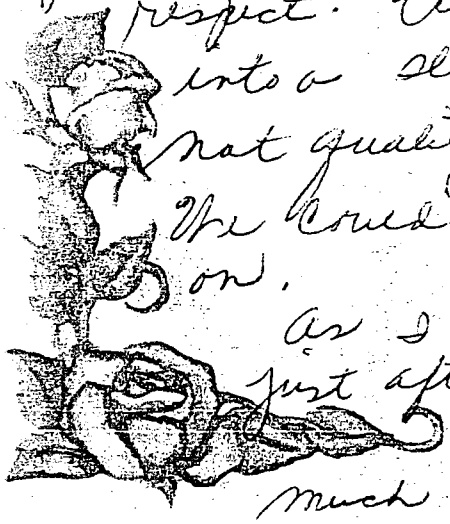
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Vivian Lutrick
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Dear Jimmy (Mr. President)

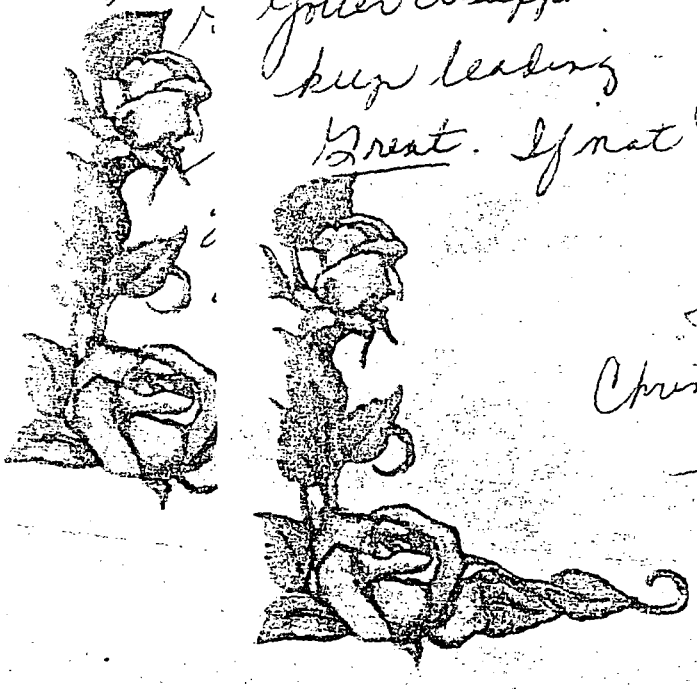
Jimmy, You are a dear Christian man. you are like a Moses trying to lead us to freedom. Every time you turn your back we turn to Pagan Idols (Sex, Money + Material Things). As you said in your speech, these things cannot make me happy. I feel a lot of our problems stem from our lack of self-respect. Americans have fallen into a slave pattern. Quantity, not quality, to make us rich quick. We could care less like we step on.



As I watched Moses on TV just after your speech, I cried all our country so much. Fighting and gambling

over such minor issues. It seems we are determined to turn our back on our Government. Just as the Jews turned their backs on God and made a golden calf idol to worship, so we've turned our backs to you.

But don't give up, Jimmy, keep leading, using great authority, so there will be no doubt that we will make it. Just as Moses did! I know you're disappointed in us. Forgive us + keep leading. Your reward will be Great. Great on earth, in Heaven.



I thank God for a Christian man in power.

Yours Friend

Speech suggestion

July 16, 1979

The President
The White House
1600 Penna. Ave
Wash D C

Dear Sir -

I agree with your analysis of the energy situation in the U S today & urge you to give intense thought to gas rationing.

I think there is one aspect of it you should consider - if the public knows it will have "x" number of gallons per month, it can budget itself to that amount. Our problems now are compounded by capricious service stations not opening, or not advertising open hours. If we knew we'd have the gas & working people could get it after 6 pm, say, till 9 pm, we could adjust. It's imperative that gas stations be made to cooperate, too!

You'd be surprised what Americans can do when pushed. And we do have to be pushed sometimes.

I'm beginning my day when I park my car & enjoy my neighborhood

or fast in bake.

May God bless!

Mrs Marie Stewart
306 N. Columbus St
Falls Church
Va
22046

Please accept this package

3069 Woodbine Pl.
Columbus, Ohio 43202

July 18, 1979

Mr. Jimmy Carter
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Carter:

I felt compelled to write to you following your address on energy and the state of this nation last Sunday.

First of all, I agree with you that the energy problem is more than that, it is a national problem of apathy and lack of confidence. This problem has been brewing in the United States for quite some time.

One suggestion that I have really encompasses two ideas that your Energy Mobilization Board could be responsible for; that is that something should be done about the state of the train, both freight and passenger, in this country. More people are riding the trains now and more freight could be transported by this method using less fuel. I also feel someone or something needs to force the American Automobile Manufacturers to consider ideas for more fuel efficient cars. The car makers aren't going to do anything unless they are forced to.

I also want to put in a plug for nuclear energy. I feel that solar power will only provide a portion of the electric energy we require, and nuclear power is a safe, efficient method of creating the remaining portion.

My family has cut back its' use of gasoline by about 10% in the last two months and at the end of the summer the amount we use will probably drop even lower. However, many people who are conserving now won't do that for long when they see other people foolishly wasting the gas. It has to be a total commitment to conservation before any of it will work. This includes the foolish use of 5 mile per gallon school busses to bus students who do not want to be bussed.

Thank you,

Peggy Dean

Peggy Dean

PS - I have nothing against lowering for lowering's sake but I do feel it is one more way we will be wasting precious gasoline.

David Jacobson
2360 108 Ave. NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Dear Mr. Carter,

I wish to offer you my complete support for your plan presented to the nation Sunday, July 15, 1979. I recognize tha t your solutions to our most pressing needs at this time are right on the button. I sincerely hope and pray that all the citizens of this country will rally round you at this time and make this program work. With the help of God I am confidant that this country can surmount the great difficulties before it.

I am more than willing to go through any personal sacrifice to help win this war; whether it be increased taxes, increased energy costs, greater energy conservation, or anything you deem necessary. I am further willing to voice my opinoun, as herein declared, amongst my friends and acquaintences. Be assured; however, that the greatest contribution I shall make shall be my prayers to God on behalf of this country and for the members of congress, and of the state governments, and in particular for you, Mr. President.

Very Sincerely Yours,

David Jacobson

317 Kimball Drive
Rochester N.Y. 14623
July 17, 1979

Mr. Jimmy Carter
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington DC

Dear Mr. President:

Each day I travel 18 miles to and from work. I used to drive the car. But since your speech, I have decided to ride my bicycle to work. It takes me 60 minutes as opposed to 30 minutes by car. I do have a economy car and the gas mileage is good, but mileage obtained through bicycling is far better. My husband makes it possible for me to ride by riding with me and returning home-he travels 36 miles. Everyone should try to cut down on their gas consumption. Every little bit helps. I just wanted to let you know that it is possible to conserve.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Bates

Mary Bates

DANIEL R. HART
7474 PINEDALE Dr.
Columbia, S.C.
29204

I am also going to write our S & conserve
congress & Senators of our state.
I hope they will help you.

July 16th 79

My Dear Mr President

First let me say God bless you
& your family. Hope you can understand
this I didn't go far in school. But
I wanted to write you. Mr President my
husband & I are with you all the
way. We started ~~helping~~ out two
years ago. We heat with oil. But
we went to Sears & got a large
wood heater & we haven't used
our furnish since. I hope the people
of America will stand together &
do what you want & get out of
this mess. We did in World 2 &
I don't see why we can't do it
now. I use my car once a week.
I know that is a small help, but
if the people that don't work &
think they should make their trips
short. You know we live here
in South Carolina. But we are
moving down to Louisiana because
we can't stand the high taxes.
My husband retired from the Army
now that he is out & since he
has to work hard long hours to
make ends meet even with his
retirement check. I guess you won't
even read this letter but I just
had to write & let my feelings.
You are our President & I know
you are the best man for the job.
God bless you & your family.

Mrs Annie Mae H

S4U

8 Pratt St.
Providence,
R.I. 02903
July 15, 1979 22:30

Dear Mr. President,

This is the first letter I have written to a public official since I wrote a fan letter to President Kennedy at the age of 12, in 1961.

Your speech was very good. Your motions were a bit stilted, and I was disconcerted by your new teeth-hiding smile, but I was moved by your message, and I personally will take the steps to abide by your admonitions. I wish that you had made a stronger commitment to public transport — the success of Washington's metro is an example of how people will to respond, and Providence is certainly ripe for a public project to make amends for the terrible private divisions created by the superhighways.

I urge you to follow your initial speech by further strong measures — i.e. increase in energy prices, with subsidies for public housing energy bills, small business dependent on energy, etc.

We're behind you. Sincerely,

David Summers

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MISS WINIFRED BOND
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July 17, 1979

Dear President Jimmy Carter:

Your speaches were great Mr. President and now we need action. Get tough Mr. President. Bull Dog tough in this great emergency on Energy and every minute counts. Why should Congress go off on a months vacation & let the country stand still in this Great time of need for action on Energy? You have the power to keep them in Washington. Congress fooled around 5 years with no Energy program off the ground. They need to get to work (with no time out now) Act at once - today - Produce. Stop pulling in all directions - work together & your words an all out war on Energy today. They should stay in Washington and get busy on a crash program, Biggest mass effort ever. (1) in making sure all our sources are productive to there fullest.

(2) mass production on all alternative fuels (fuels produced artificially, Laboratory oil, coal oil, Shale oil, alcohal, gasahol & even corn liquor - (moon shine)

Make U.S.A. independent in all our Energy needs and not be hostage to OPEC.

Congress needs to stay on the Job in Washington with no time out in this time of emergency. They have no time to waste now.

Yes, Mr. President we want to help, but I am only a retired School Teacher, but in my small way I hope I am helping. I bought a smaller car - it saves about half at the gas pump. I write to you & you put just about every thing I said in the letters to you in your speaches and I also have written the same to our 50 Senators the same & some Congressmen too & I am keeping on writing hoping I can hit all Senators I hope this helps.

Thank you Mr. President for all your effort and Good Luck.

Sincerely
Winifred M Bond

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President Jimmy Carter
The Whitehouse
Washington, DC

Dear President Carter:

We are overjoyed to hear you speak in such a clear tone regarding the state of our country today. As our country has been rejecting more and more lately the basic principles on which it was founded, we have feared for a collapse of its very structure. I think you would (and) have agreed that the threat to our country today is an irresponsible attitude on the part of the private citizen and a general attitude of self-indulgence, which has replaced any idea of self-denial and self-sacrifice. We can see this most clearly in the erosion of the family unit and the rebellion of America's youth. What makes us so supportive of your speech is the fact that you seem to recognize the role of scriptural principles in our battle today.

We have been blessed as a nation by God from the beginning and therefore, we will be held accountable for that blessing. America today has for the most part rejected the God of her fathers for another god which is self. This new god will tear apart our country unless there is a spiritual awakening to the real issues in our lives today. Those issues are spiritual and they call for all of us to return to Jesus Christ for our leadership and redemption.

Because we realize that you have been raised up by God to the position of authority you retain today, we will continue to support you with our public words and with our prayers so that you might fulfill your responsibility with the wisdom of God and not of man. A leader will always be held accountable for more on the last day, and the fact that you are a christian only tells us that our prayers are not being hindered. We have a great confidence in the spirit of America - "And My people who are called by My name (shall) humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land" 2 Choronicles 7:14.

July 18, 1979
President Carter

We wish to tell you that we in the christian community of Northern Virginia are praying for you to receive the mind of Christ so you can effectively and righteously govern this country we love. We thank God for a christian president and indeed, for a christian family in the White House.

Most sincerely yours,

Mr & Mrs. Davidson

Mr. and Mrs. John Davidson
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Mrs. Harvey Wolfson
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July 17, 1979

Dear Mr. President

I was impressed with most of your speech of Sunday night...

But... do we really need all the "Goodies" of plastic provided by petrochemical industries? Does a plastic plate really represent the extent of our progress when compared with paper or porcelain?

Am I prepared to make sacrifices? We've been doing so for a number of years, voluntarily and involuntarily. The economic picture has affected us — in business and leisure.

We've given up our car, but where is decent mass transit. Have you ridden a N.Y.C. bus or subway — particularly in summer?

The litany of cut-backs and sacrifice — past & future is long, but I DRAW THE LINE at what is left of basic comfort. I will not patronize any store, restaurant, theater, museum or other public place that attempts to maintain 78° or higher temperatures. No! No! No!

Sincerely,
Betty Wolfson

Harvey Wolfson
Street

July 16, 1979

Dear Mr. President,

On April 6, 1979 I wrote you a letter which I was very glad to get. I wrote about your speech after seeing you speak on Sunday night and you talk here in Detroit. I changed my mind. I gave you now my "Key Chief" award and I hope and pray you will implement your plans with action. The OPEC-lets utilize the great American resources. We have a beautiful, wonderful country and we can keep it free. Mr. President, I love you for your strength and loyalty. Keep up the good work and my prayers are with you. God Bless you.

Yours Truly,
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Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to let you know that my husband and I enjoyed your speech tonight and agree with you totally. We want you to know that your suggestions can be done and do work.

Let me give you some back up information My husband is 29 and I am 25. We consider ourselves average Americans. Between the two of us we earn $20,000 a year.

In 1975 we purchased a 2 bedroom home (our first). Since that time we have heated it by only wood 60% of the time. Our home has electric baseboard heat which we have tried to do without during the day. And believe me, it can be done.

We have also had only one auto since 1974, and have gotten along just fine. It would be easier to have two cars since we both work, but we've managed.

My husband has been interested in solar heating for a couple of years. He is planning to build a solar unit for our home in the near future.

We just wanted to reinforce your belief in the American people. We want things to get better as much as you do.

Sincerely,

Martha & Ronald Brady

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July 18 - 1979

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your speech to us all. It was very good + very moving.

I should like to emphasize a few points about Energy.

1. The use of wind power can start at once - at least on a small scale wind mills are very useful.
2. Power from Ocean Tides can be used as it is in Brittany on the Northern coast of France
3. Radio active waste from nuclear Power plants is impossible to dispose of safely. "Nuclear ashes are among the deadliest materials known to man. They will remain deadly for at least ¼ million years" union of Concerned Scientists.

We must change our sense of value
our Life Style or become a Lost World -

Sincerely
Mrs Hubert

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Sunday Evening

Dear Mr President:

You did a swell job in your speech of this evening. Your proposals appear sound and well rounded but you will need the help of Congress to accomplish the stated goals. You will also need the assistance of every American and some hard working dedicated people to assist you with the task at hand.

I would like to volunteer to you - my assistance and that of my family - in working with you to accomplish the goals.

May God be with you and with "America" as we all work to correct our faults of waste and greed.

Good Luck
Bill Holtmeyer family

July 17, 1979

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

Dear President Carter:

I am behind you all the way in your efforts to make America independent in the energy crisis. I feel you are sincere, and I want you to know that I have a positive attitude about this challenge and I am willing to do my part.

One thing I am concerned about, I don't want this to be just a "pep talk" with no action following. The American people are fickle and will have to see evidence of accomplishment to stay with it. Some parts of your program will not show immediate results, but wherever possible you must keep up communication with the people to let them know what is being done and how we are doing as a nation in meeting this challenge together.

Now, for that word "together," it is the most important word in this letter. We need to unify, the American people and American industry, to work together. We need equality of sacrifice to meet this challenge.

I hope you will remain firm on not increasing the import of oil. If it is known for sure that we cannot fall back on the increased import of oil, research and development into alternate energy sources will proceed at a much faster pace.

I am for the windfall profits tax - I hope it gets passed before the Senate takes its recess - it is extremely frustrating for me as a consumer to make the sacrifices I have been making, and then reading that the oil companies have made record profits. I am tired of the stranglehold that the oil companies and the oil-rich nations have had upon us.

While I am much opposed to nuclear power until we have spent more time in researching safety methods and disposal of wastes, I can see that it is necessary as an interim method - until - we can develop new sources of energy. However, I oppose all construction of new nuclear power plants.

I thank you for the time and effort you are making on behalf of the nation. I hope that you can get the people and industry behind you in a positive effort to meet this challenge.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Dwan

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17 July 1979

President Jimmy Carter
The White House

Dear Mr. President,

I watched your nation-wide address Sunday night. Overall, I have to say that I was pleased by what you said. I just hope that it is not too late to launch such an ambitious program without serious problems. I am currently an undergraduate engineering and physics student, and I hope to work in an energy-related field (or for the Space Program).

I thoroughly support the plan to build a natural gas pipeline from the Prudhoe Bay area of Alaska through Canada to the Lower 48. In addition, I think that it is ridiculous and wasteful that Alaskan crude oil cannot be exported to Japan, for instance, in exchange for some Japan-bound oil from say, Mexico. The Mexican crude could then be sent to the oil deficient Gulf of Mexico refineries. As it is now, Alaskan production is cut back and the West Coast is glutted with too much crude. I lived in Anchorage, Alaska, for three years and couldn't help but learn something about the Prudhoe Bay oil fields and the Trans-Alaska Pipeline.

I agree that nuclear energy should not be abandoned. Since nuclear fusion is decades away, we are stuck with nuclear fission for the time being. Of course, extreme care should be taken with the nuclear fuel and the various waste products. From what I've seen, a lot more caution than is currently employed should be the norm.

I believe that solar power and nuclear fusion are the wave of the future. Perhaps I'll even be working in one of these fields ten years from now.

Sincerely,
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July 16, 1979

President Jimmy Carter
The White House
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Dear Jimmy,

Congratulations! You finally took the bull by the horns. You finally stood up and demanded a few things. Good!

After listening to your speeches Sunday evening and Monday morning I felt a slight breeze of hope that we would actually get out of this energy mess. You've convinced us to be even more careful with energy - but we've been careful all along. Now we need to convince the media and the general population that this is as threatening a war-time danger as an actual invasion by a foreign army.

Please get your propaganda people busy and put on a blitz. It should be as subversive to waste energy or fail to aid in energy conservation as it is to sell secret documents. The Congress will work much more efficiently if their constituents get a little jingoistic about independence.

I suggest too that the government agencies take the lead by going bare bones with energy use: eg. no more "junkets" by Congress. If a situation needs investigation, one or two Congressmen or Senators should be sufficient. If these people cannot do it, send someone who can.

We're behind you, Jimmy. We'll send letters to Congress and our Senators and be very careful with energy. But you must stand strong. Don't back down. Keep the media full of energy conservation news; put us on a war-time footing if necessary. We're tired of OPEC blackmail and we would like to feel proud of ourselves again.

Sincerely,
Toni LaBrescia