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DEBATES - READING MATERIALS

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GOVERNMENT VS. PRIVATE ENTERPRISE THE PRESIDENT WAS SEEN....

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE MUST REALIZE THAT GOVERNMENT CAN ONLY GROW STRONGER BY MAKING PRIVATE ENTERPRISE WEAKER. EVERY DOLLAR SPENT BY THE GOVERNMENT COMES FROM THE POCKET OF A WORKING AMERICAN. IF THE GOVERNMENT WANTS TO SPEND MORE, THEN YOU AND I WILL SPEND LESS. IF THE GOVERNMENT WANTS TO EMPLOY MORE PEOPLE, THEN PRIVATE ENTERPRISE MUST EMPLOY FEWER PEOPLE. AND SUCH AN EMPHASIS ON BUREAUCRATIC GROWTH INEVITABLY LEADS TO A DECLINE IN THE PRODUCTION OF GOODS AND SERVICES, A DECLINE IN THE VALUE OF PEOPLE'S INCOME, AND AN INCREASE IN THE RATE OF INFLATION, WHICH IN TURN PAVES THE WAY FOR A NEW RECESSION AND EVEN HIGHER UNEMPLOYMENT.



## GOP PLATFORM - COST

THE PLATFORM IS TO BE...

(ANSWER TO ANY CHARGE THAT THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM WILL RESULT IN DEFICITS OR INCREASED TAXES.)

UNLIKE MR. CARTER'S PLATFORM, MY PLATFORM CALLS FOR ADDITIONAL TAX CUTS FOR ALL AMERICANS.

IN ADDITION, THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM STATES EXPLICITLY UNDER A SPECIAL "FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY" SECTION THAT "...ANY NET REDUCTION OF REVENUES (BECAUSE OF THE REPUBLICAN PROGRAMS) MUST BE OFFSET BY REDUCED GOVERNMENT SPENDING."

FINALLY, THE PLATFORM DEMANDS A "BALANCED FEDERAL BUDGET".

## GOP TAX CUT FOR POOR

(RESPONSE TO CHARGE THAT REPUBLICANS PROTECT THE RICH -- NOT THE POOR.)

IN THE PERIOD SINCE 1969 -- WHILE REPUBLICANS WERE IN THE WHITE HOUSE -- 10 MILLION LOW INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES HAVE BEEN DROPPED FROM THE TAX ROLLS ALTOGETHER. THIS IS A 15% REDUCTION.

THIS HELP FOR THE PEOPLE WITH LOW INCOMES WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY INCREASING EXEMPTIONS AND DEDUCTIONS.

## GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

POINTS: • DEALING WITH PROBLEMS - NOT ORGANIZATIONAL BLOCKS.

- RESHUFFLING AGENCIES DOESN'T SOLVE PROBLEMS. WE NEED NEW LAWS.

RECORD: THE PRESIDENT HAS:

- REVENUE SHARING
- PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION OF SEPARATE PROGRAMS IN SUCH AREAS AS HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES.
- PROPOSED THE MOST COMPLETE AND HARD-HITTING GOVERNMENT REFORM IN HISTORY -

-- RAILROADS, AIRLINES, TRUCKS

-- AGENDA FOR GOVERNMENT REFORM ACT -- ALL AGENCIES IN 4 YEARS

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*Community Development 31 minutes to 8/primary  
1400 to 25 pages*

- AGENCY-BY-AGENCY "ZERO BASED" BUDGET REVIEW EACH YEAR.

REBUTTAL: CARTER'S "1900 AGENCIES" MADE UP OF:

1200 PART-TIME ADVISORY COMMISSIONS (PRESIDENT REDUCES LIST  
BUT CONGRESS ADDS MORE. DOES CARTER WANT TO ELIMINATE  
SUCH CITIZENS' GROUPS AS: NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING  
AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE HANDICAPPED?)

11 CABINET DEPARTMENTS

60 MAJOR AGENCIES

41 GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS (SUCH AS AMTRAK)

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## MANAGEMENT

THE KEYS TO A WELL MANAGED FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ARE:

- 1) STOPPING THE ENDLESS CREATION OF NEW OVERLAPPING PROGRAMS AND AGENCIES SO THAT ATTENTION CAN BE FOCUSED ON WHAT IS ALREADY THERE.
- 2) REFORMING THE PROGRAMS THAT ARE ON THE BOOKS SO THAT THEY HAVE A CLEAR MANDATE TO ACCOMPLISH A CLEARLY STATED GOAL -- MOVING AS FAR AS WE CAN TO PUT THE DECISION-MAKING POWER IN LOCAL OFFICIALS -- NOT IN THE HANDS OF FEDERAL OFFICIALS.
- 3) KEEPING THE PRESSURE ON, DAY IN AND DAY OUT, ON ACCOMPLISHMENT.

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THIS HAS BEEN MY POLICY, AND IT HAS PRODUCED RESULTS.

- FEWER FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ON THE PAYROLL AT THE END OF THE LAST FISCAL YEAR THAN AT ANYTIME SINCE 1973.
- HAVE REDUCED THE FEDERALLY IMPOSED PAPERWORK BURDEN ON THE PUBLIC BY 12% OVER THE LAST YEAR AND HAVE ORDERED FURTHER REDUCTIONS.
- TODAY, AN APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS TAKES 8 MONTHS TO PROCESS, NOT 31 MONTHS AS IT DID WHEN I TOOK OFFICE. THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FORM HAS BEEN REDUCED FROM 1,400 PAGES TO 25.

MAKING GOVERNMENT MORE EFFICIENT IS NOT CHANGING THE NAME ON THE STATIONERY OR RESHUFFLING BUREAUCRATS FROM AGENCY TO AGENCY. GOOD MANAGEMENT IS NOT A RAZZLE-DAZZLE, FLOURISH BUSINESS. IT IS HARD WORK THAT TAKES PERSISTENCE AND STAYING POWER.

## BIG GOVERNMENT

WE ARE MAKING GOVERNMENT MORE EFFICIENT AND MORE RESPONSIVE.

MORE EFFICIENT:      CUT FEDERAL FORMS 10%  
                              REDUCED BUREAUCRACY BY 11,000 PEOPLE AND  
                              WHITE HOUSE STAFF TOO  
                              CUT RATE OF GROWTH OF SPENDING BY 50%  
                              CUT TAXES AND WILL DO IT AGAIN  
                              CONSOLIDATED 24 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS INTO  
                              BLOC GRANTS

MORE RESPONSIVE:    TURNING OVER RESOURCES TO LOCAL PEOPLE TO  
                              SOLVE PROBLEMS WHERE THE ACTION IS:    IN THE  
                              LOCAL COMMUNITY

# CRIME

GOAL - LOCAL CONTROL; MANDATORY SENTENCES FOR CRIMINALS USING  
A GUN; PROTECT THE INNOCENT; COMPASSION FOR VICTIMS.

## FORD POLICY

- 1) I HAVE PROPOSED A MODEL SYSTEM OF FEDERAL LAWS:
  - COMPREHENSIVE FEDERAL CODE
  - STIFF ANTI-DRUG LAW
  - MANDATORY SENTENCING FOR KIDNAPPERS AND HIJACKERS AND  
THOSE USING GUNS.
  - COMPENSATION FOR VICTIMS
- 2) STEPPED UP FEDERAL ENFORCEMENT
  - MORE JUDGES
  - MORE MARSHALS
  - MORE PRISONS

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3) ASSISTANCE TO STATE AND COMMUNITY LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES:

- \$7 BILLION OVER FIVE YEARS
- "CAREER CRIMINAL" PROGRAM

RESULTS

1974 - CRIME INCREASING 18% A YEAR

1975 - GROWTH RATE CUT TO 10% A YEAR

## HOUSING

MY GOAL IS TO SEE THAT EVERY AMERICAN CAN OWN A HOME IN A DECENT NEIGHBORHOOD WHICH IS SAFE AND HAS GOOD SCHOOLS.

TO DO THIS, WE ARE COMMITTED TO SECURE JOBS FOR ALL WILLING TO WORK AND FREEDOM FROM INFLATION -- NEED STEADY ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENTS.

WE ARE: 1) STARTING A PROGRAM WHICH WILL MAKE THE MORTGAGE PAYMENTS LOWER IN THE EARLY YEARS WHEN FAMILIES ARE GETTING STARTED.  
2) STARTING A NEW PROGRAM THAT WILL LOWER DOWN PAYMENTS BY UP TO 50%.

THIS YEAR ALONE WE WILL:

- 1) HELP 400,000 LOW INCOME PEOPLE PAY RENTS.
- 2) HELP 500,000 HOME BUYERS PAY LOWER INTEREST RATES.

## URBAN POLICY

THE PRIORITIES FOR OUR CITIES ARE:

JOBS

PERSONAL SAFETY - CRIMINALS OFF THE STREET

STOP DRUG TRAFFIC

NEIGHBORHOODS WITH GOOD HOUSING AND GOOD SCHOOLS

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MY POLICY IS TO PUT THE MONEY WHERE THE PROBLEMS ARE: IN THE LOCAL, URBAN AND RURAL AREAS.

1. ELIMINATE FEDERAL MIDDLEMEN.
2. GIVE RESOURCES TO LOCAL PEOPLE TO SOLVE PROBLEMS.
3. I CONSOLIDATED SEVEN URBAN PROGRAMS INTO ONE, GIVING LOCAL PEOPLE MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS.
4. REPLACED 10,000 FEDERAL GRANTS WITH A CETA SYSTEM THAT SENDS MONEY WHERE IT'S NEEDED.
5. I HAVE PROPOSED THE SAME REFORMS FOR EFFICIENCY AND RESPONSIVENESS  
IN HEALTH (16 PROGRAMS INTO ONE)  
EDUCATION (24 PROGRAMS INTO ONE)  
CHILD NUTRITION (15 PROGRAMS INTO ONE)

## CONSUMERISM

- SOME HAVE URGED CREATION OF YET ANOTHER FEDERAL AGENCY TO LOOK OUT FOR THE INTERESTS OF CONSUMERS. THEY ARGUE THAT THE EXISTING AGENCIES HAVE BECOME TOOLS OF SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS AND THEREFORE WE NEED A COUNTERFORCE AGENCY.
- IN MY BOOK THAT'S DEFEATISM OF THE WORST KIND. WHAT IT SAYS, IN EFFECT, IS THAT THE PEOPLE HAVE LOST CONTROL OF THE AGENCIES THEY CREATED TO HELP THEM AND THE ANSWER IS YET ANOTHER NEW AGENCY.
- I SAY, LET'S MAKE THE AGENCIES WE ALREADY HAVE DO WHAT THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO DO -- LOOK OUT FOR THE INTERESTS OF ALL OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. LET'S HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE FOR PROTECTING THE CONSUMER'S INTERESTS. LET'S THROW THE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS OUT.

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- WE'VE MADE SOME PROGRESS:
  - REPEALED TRADE LAWS THAT MADE CONSUMERS PAY HIGH PRICES.
  - REDUCED RAILROAD REGULATIONS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 90 YEARS.
  - STRENGTHENED ANTI-TRUST LAWS.
  - REDUCED THE AMOUNT OF PAPERWORK IMPOSED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON THE PUBLIC BY 12% AND HAVE ORDERED FURTHER REDUCTIONS.
  
- HAVE MAJOR REGULATORY REFORMS PENDING IN CONGRESS THAT WILL BENEFIT CONSUMERS -
  - AIRLINE INDUSTRY
  - BANKING INDUSTRY
  - SURFACE TRANSPORTATION

## WELFARE



AMERICANS ARE GENEROUS AND COMPASSIONATE PEOPLE.

1. WE HELP THOSE WHO ARE HELPLESS -- SICK, NEEDY, THE CHILDREN.
2. BUT WE WORK HARD -- SHOULDN'T WASTE HELP ON THOSE WHO WON'T HELP THEMSELVES.

THAT'S WHY WE WANT TO:

1. RAISE FOOD STAMP BENEFITS FOR OUR ELDERLY WHILE CUTTING THEM FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS FROM WEALTHY FAMILIES.
2. CONSOLIDATE 15 CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS WHICH DO NOT REACH 700,000 NEEDY CHILDREN, BUT DO SUBSIDIZE THE MEALS OF MANY CHILDREN FROM WEALTHY FAMILIES.
3. REFORM WELFARE TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR PEOPLE TO LEARN A TRADE AND GET A GOOD JOB.

## EDUCATION

I BELIEVE DEEPLY, FROM MY OWN EXPERIENCE, THAT EDUCATION IS THE KEY TO A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL AMERICANS.

MY POLICY HAS BEEN:

FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

-- TO PUT THE \$ WHERE THE DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN ARE;

-- TO RETURN DECISION-MAKING TO PARENTS AND TEACHERS AND TAKE IT AWAY FROM FEDERAL OFFICIALS;

BY COMBINING 24 NARROW PROGRAMS INTO ONE.

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FOR HIGHER EDUCATION:

-- TO SEE THAT EVERY CHILD HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET A  
COLLEGE EDUCATION;

-- TO BEGIN NEW WAYS THROUGH THE TAX SYSTEM TO HELP MIDDLE  
INCOME FAMILIES COPE WITH COLLEGE EXPENSES; AND,

-- HELP THOSE FAMILIES WHO SEND CHILDREN TO NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Q: Mr. President, the Commerce Department announced last week that our trade deficit for this year had reached \$2.6 billion and that the deficit could reach \$4 billion by the end of the year. Do you view the current trade deficit as a threat to our domestic economy?

A: Our 1976 trade deficit reflects in large measure the strength of the US economic recovery which has increased demand in the United States more than demand in many of our trading partners who have not recovered as rapidly as we have. But we do expect that as economic recovery proceeds abroad, the demand for our exports will further strengthen.

We must also recognize that the major part of our deficit is oil, which now accounts for approximately 25% of our total imports, with a current value of \$32-35 billion. This compares with around \$7 billion in 1973. Adoption of my comprehensive energy program would help in reducing this cost by increasing domestic oil production and by encouraging energy conservation in our homes, on the highways, and in the factories.

GOVERNOR CARTER'S ANSWER BRINGS TO MIND A FAMILIAR  
QUOTE BY TEDDY ROOSEVELT WHO SAID: "SPEAK SOFTLY AND  
CARRY A BIG STICK." GOVERNOR CARTER SEEMS TO BE SAYING,  
"SPEAK LOUDLY AND CARRY A SMALL STICK" -- IT WON'T WORK!

NOTES FOR THE PRESIDENT

1. MR. CARTER DOESN'T KNOW THE FACTS.
2. MR. CARTER DOESN'T HAVE THE FULL PICTURE.
3. MR. CARTER DOESN'T HAVE ALL THE FACTS.
4. (DETENTE) I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU CALL IT -- LET ME TELL YOU WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT.
5. (HARRIS SURVEY) WHAT I WANT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO REALIZE IS .....
6. ALWAYS MAKE YOUR STRONGEST STATEMENT FIRST.
- ? — 7. IN MY POSITION, THERE IS NO ROOM FOR APOLOGIES.
8. LET ME GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE OR LET ME TELL YOU A STORY.

REBUTTAL ON SECRECY CHARGE

CARTER CHARGE: FOREIGN POLICY UNDER HAK HAS BEEN CONDUCTED UNDER  
A CLOAK OF SECRECY, LEADING TO MISTAKES IN VIETNAM,  
CAMBODIA, ANGOLA, CIA, ETC.

(1) MY RECORD ON FOREIGN POLICY IS THERE FOR ALL TO SEE:

-- THERE ARE NO SECRET DEALS.

-- WE HAVE HELD AN UNPRECEDENTED NUMBER OF MEETINGS WITH  
THE CONGRESS TO KEEP THEM INFORMED.

-- FOR EXAMPLE, AFTER THE SINAI AGREEMENT WAS REACHED, WE  
TURNED OVER THE FULLEST DOCUMENTATION IN CONGRESSIONAL  
HISTORY ON AN ARRANGEMENT THAT WASN'T EVEN A TREATY.

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(2) DIPLOMACY CAN'T BE CONDUCTED WITHOUT CONFIDENTIALITY AND MR. CARTER KNOWS IT. WE WOULD THINK THAT DELICATE QUESTIONS OF ARMS CONTROLS OR THE MIDDLE EAST COULD BE NEGOTIATED IN THE GLARE OF TV LIGHTS. I MIGHT NOTE THAT OUR OWN CONSTITUTION WAS NEGOTIATED IN SECRET AND THE PROCEEDINGS WERE NOT PUBLISHED FOR 30 YEARS.

BUT WHILE NEGOTIATIONS MUST SOMETIMES BE CONFIDENTIAL, THE RESULTS DO NOT AND ARE NOT. WE HAVE PROVIDED EXHAUSTIVE TESTIMONY AND WRITTEN RECORD FOR EVERY TREATY CONCLUDED IN THE PAST TWO YEARS.

(3) WHILE MR. CARTER COMPLAINS ABOUT SECRET DIPLOMACY, HE AT THE SAME TIME PROPOSES "UNPUBLICIZED" NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS ON THE MIDDLE EAST. HE CAN'T HAVE IT BOTH WAYS.

CARTER ON KISSINGER

"HE'S (KISSINGER) A REMARKABLE MAN AND A VERY GOOD FRIEND OF MINE. HE'S THE KIND OF PERSON WHO HAS A TREMENDOUS SENSE OF HUMOR AND WHO, I THINK, IS PRESERVING THE CHARACTER OF HIS NATION IN A SUPER-LATIVE WAY DURING THE TIMES THAT ARE SO TRYING TO US ALL. "

SPEECH, B'NAI B'RITH  
APRIL 20, 1974

WHO RUNS FOREIGN POLICY: KISSINGER OR FORD

THIS IS A SUBJECT THAT HAS ATTRACTED FAR MORE HEAT THAN LIGHT.  
LET ME TRY TO SHED SOME LIGHT ON IT.

DR. KISSINGER HAPPENS TO BE A SUPERB SECRETARY OF STATE.

THE CONSTITUTION GIVES THE PRESIDENT AWESOME RESPONSIBILITIES  
IN THE FIELD OF FOREIGN POLICY. THE UNITED STATES IS THE KEystone OF  
THE SECURITY OF THE FREE WORLD. JUST AS TRUMAN CHOSE ACHESON, I  
WANT A STRONG, ACTIVE SECRETARY OF STATE. HENRY KISSINGER IS JUST THAT.

BUT I DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU WHERE THE FINAL RESPONSIBILITY RESTS  
FOR DECISIONS SHAPING THE OVERALL DIRECTION AND THRUST OF AMERICAN  
FOREIGN POLICY. THAT RESPONSIBILITY RESTS IN THE OVAL OFFICE: IT HAS

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BEEN THERE IN THE PAST AND IT REMAINS THERE TODAY. IT IS THE PRESIDENT  
-- AND ONLY THE PRESIDENT -- WHO CAN DECIDE WHERE TO SEND OUR TROOPS,  
WHO CAN DECIDE HOW MANY MISSILES AND BOMBERS AND SHIPS WE NEED TO  
PROTECT OUR SECURITY, AND WHO CAN DECIDE WHETHER THE MOMENT OF  
TRUTH HAS ARRIVED IN THE NUCLEAR AGE. THE RESPONSIBILITY IS MINE  
AND I AND NO ONE ELSE DISCHARGES THAT RESPONSIBILITY.

## HELSINKI SUCCESS

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE HELSINKI SUMMIT OUR ALLY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY REACHED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF POLAND UNDER WHICH POLAND AGREED TO PERMIT AT LEAST 125,000 ETHNIC GERMANS RESIDING IN POLAND TO EMIGRATE TO THE FRG OVER A FOUR-YEAR PERIOD. UNDER THE AGREEMENT MONTHLY EMIGRATION FROM POLAND TO THE FRG INCREASED FROM ABOUT 300 IN AUGUST 1975 TO OVER 2,500 IN MAY 1976. THE FRG HAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT MONTHLY EMIGRATION OF ETHNIC GERMANS FROM THE SOVIET UNION TO THE FRG INCREASED FROM 364 IN AUGUST OF 1975 TO 1,129 IN AUGUST 1976.

## CARTER'S ENERGY PROPOSAL

- 1) SHUFFLES BOXES ON ORGANIZATIONAL CHART RATHER THAN SOLVING SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS. CREATES AN ORGANIZATIONAL TINKER TOY.
- 2) MIXES REGULATORY AND ENERGY PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES, THEREBY POSSIBLY SUBJECTING INDEPENDENT REGULATORY COMMISSIONS TO ~~INDUCE~~ <sup>INDUCE</sup> POLITICAL INFLUENCE.
- 3) CARTER'S PLAN CONTAINS NOTHING NOT COVERED IN MY COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY POLICY CONTAINED IN THE 1975 STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE. PROGRAM EITHER BLOCKED BY CONGRESS OR BEING IMPLEMENTED.

## CARTER'S ENERGY PROPOSAL

MR. CARTER'S FOUR-PAGE PRESS RELEASE ON ENERGY ORGANIZATION REVEALS HIS UNFAMILIARITY WITH BOTH ENERGY POLICY AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION.

RATHER THAN DEALING WITH THE SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS, HE SHUFFLES BOXES ON AN ORGANIZATION CHART, CREATING THE ILLUSION OF PROGRESS, BUT AVOIDING THE NECESSITY FOR CHOICES. FOR THE MOST PART, THE CARTER PROPOSAL IS LITTLE MORE THAN A CUT AND PASTE JOB FROM THE GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONAL MANUAL AND A COLLECTION OF PREVIOUS PROPOSALS WHICH THE CONGRESS HAS SHOWN ITSELF UNWILLING TO ACT ON.

IN SHARP CONTRAST TO THIS ORGANIZATIONAL TINKER TOY, I HAVE MADE THE HARD DECISIONS AND ANNOUNCED A TOUGH, COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY POLICY IN MY 1975 STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS. CONGRESS AND MR. CARTER HAVE YET TO MAKE THESE DIFFICULT CHOICES.

IN THOSE CASES WHERE MR. CARTER HAS ADDED SOMETHING NEW, HE RAISES MORE QUESTIONS THAN HE ANSWERS. FOR EXAMPLE, HE ELIMINATES SOME INDEPENDENT REGULATORY FUNCTIONS, PLACING THE ACTIVITIES IN A CABINET AGENCY, AND THEN SAYS THAT IT WILL BE NECESSARY "TO ESTABLISH BUFFERS TO ENSURE THAT FUNCTIONS ARE INSULATED FROM UNDUE POLITICAL INFLUENCE." BUT THIS, OF COURSE, IS PRECISELY WHY INDEPENDENT REGULATORY COMMISSIONS HAVE BEEN CREATED SEPARATE FROM AGENCIES THAT PROMOTE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT. THE INDEPENDENT REGULATORY

COMMISSIONS ARE NOT UNDER THE CONTROL OF A POLITICAL APPOINTEE.

MR. CARTER'S PROPOSAL APPEARS TO REMOVE THIS IMPORTANT "BUFFER" AGAINST IMPROPER POLITICAL INTERFERENCE WITH THE REGULATORY COMMISSIONS.

AS TO MR. CARTER'S OTHER ENERGY PROPOSALS TO PRODUCE MORE ENERGY DOMESTICALLY, THE PLAIN FACT IS THAT THEY HAVE EITHER BEEN PROPOSED BY ME IN MY 1975 STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE -- AND BLOCKED BY CONGRESS -- OR THEY ARE NOW BEING IMPLEMENTED BY MY ADMINISTRATION.



FIRST REBUTTAL THE INCIDENT HAS SEEN....

I EXPECT TO HAVE AMPLE TIME THIS EVENING TO PRESENT MY VIEWS -- WHICH DIFFER SHARPLY FROM THOSE EXPRESSED BY MR. CARTER -- ON (INSERT SUBJECT OF CARTER'S FIRST ANSWER).

BUT OUR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS ON ALL THESE SPECIFIC ISSUES MUST BE JUDGED BY THE PEOPLE AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF THE CENTRAL ISSUE OF THIS CAMPAIGN: WHICH MAN BY VIRTUE OF EXPERIENCE, LEADERSHIP, INTEGRITY AND WISDOM WARRANTS THE TRUST OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE?

THE PEOPLE CAN MAKE THIS JUDGMENT BY COMPARING MY SPECIFIC POLICIES AND RECORD WITH MR. CARTER'S CAMPAIGN PROMISES -

- I AM FOR LOWER TAXES FOR ALL AMERICANS. MR. CARTER SAID HE WILL RAISE TAXES FOR ALL THOSE OVER THE "MEDIAN" INCOME LEVEL -- THAT'S THREE OUT OF EVERY FIVE TAXPAYERS.
- I AM FOR LESS GOVERNMENT AND LESS FEDERAL SPENDING. MR. CARTER HAS A PLATFORM WHICH DEMANDS MORE GOVERNMENT AND MORE SPENDING.
- MY VISION FOR OUR THIRD CENTURY IS ONE OF GREATER FREEDOM FOR EVERY INDIVIDUAL AND FOR EVERY FAMILY. MR. CARTER'S RHETORIC IS FOR MORE GOVERNMENT.

U. S. UNIFORMED MILITARY

AUGUST 31, 1974	2,153,481
AUGUST 31, 1976 (preliminary)	<u>2,084,763</u>
	68,718

NOTE: Current authorization is 2,100,000

BIG GOVERNMENT QUESTION (OSHA, FEA, EPA)

The larger issue you are raising, ~~Mr. DeLoach~~, is whether this Administration is serious about wanting to reduce the burden of Big Government in the United States. We are dead serious, and here's what we've done in 25 months:

-- We've cut back Federal paperwork and the forms that people fill out by over 10%.

-- We've reduced the size of the Federal bureaucracy by 11,000 employees and we've cut the size of the White House staff,

-- We've asked the Congress to cut the growth rate of Federal spending by 50%.

-- Most importantly, we've cut taxes. And if I'm elected, we're going to cut taxes again.

The only way to hold down the cost of living in the United States is to hold down the cost of government.

As to the specific agencies you questioned, let me say this:

-- The Environmental Protection Agency and the Occupational Health and Safety Administration were both created in the last Administration. The environment must be protected, and I intend to keep EPA in business. On the other hand, OSHA has issued far too many burdensome regulations in my opinion and I intend to rein it in; by contrast, my opponent wants to expand the powers of OSHA.

-- As to the Federal Energy Administration, it was created to solve a specific problem: the short-term energy crisis. We are solving that problem, and over the next four years, FEA is going to be phased out.

My policy is to phase out as many useless program and agencies as possible. Some will be replaced by new agencies as new problems arise. But the for the rest, let's save the money and give it back to the American taxpayer. That's why I want a \$10 billion tax cut for the American people.

NIXON - FORD (WATERGATE/TRUST)

What I've tried to give our country is the kind of leadership they can count on in good times and bad -- one that stands up and speaks out for the people's rights, but a little less frantic and noisy, and a little steadier and quieter than in recent years. I believe it has helped us have solid and steady recovery these past two years, and I'm proud to be part of it.

The pardon is one example of this kind of healing leadership.

When I faced that decision, our country was in one of the most divided and rancorous periods in all our history. It was terribly important -- and urgent -- that we be brought together again.

I can remember very clearly -- better I am sure than anyone in this theatre -- (looking into the TV camera) and probably better than anyone watching on television -- the raw emotions of those days in August of 1974. There was distrust and anger and a vindictive spirit -- diverting us all from great issues and poisoning the political life of our country.

That recollection is still vivid with me, and because of it, if faced with the same circumstances, I would make the same decision again. I am certain in my mind that this decision contributed a great deal to the healing and recent progress of America, and equally certain that a long delay of that decision would have done very serious damage in many ways to the American people.

NIXON - FORD DOMESTIC CONTINUITY

When I came into office, I must tell you that I was less concerned with the question of what Nixon policies to continue ~~that~~<sup>than</sup> I was with the overriding question of ~~that time~~ how to turn the ship of state around. It takes \_\_\_ minutes to turn an aircraft carrier into the opposite direction, but it takes many, many months -- and sometimes years -- to turn the ship of state around. But that's what we've done in the past 25 months.

-- Twenty five months ago, inflation was shooting up at 12% a year and we were hurtling toward a recession. Today inflation is less than 6% and the economy is in the midst of a strong recovery.

-- Twenty five months ago, America was still mired in Southeast Asia and our allies doubted our leadership. Today America is at peace and we have restored our leadership.

-- Twenty five months ago, Americans had lost their faith and trust in the White House. Today, that faith and trust has been restored.

I have never tried to total up how many of our policies come from the last Administration and how many are new. I am much more interested in solving the country's problems.

And I can also tell you that I am proud of the many new initiatives we have put forward to solve those problems:

-- Under this Administration, taxes have been cut and I'm fighting to cut them again.

-- Under this Administration, the nation for the first time has a national energy policy.

-- Under this Administration, the nation for the first time in half a century is making a concerted attack on government red tape and bureaucracy.

I am happy to go to the American people and ask them to judge me on the basis of the last 25 months and the goals that I am setting for the next four years.

Q: Why do you not have a balance budget?

A: The quickest, surest way to eliminate our huge \$60 billion deficit is to do it gradually -- the way I have recommended.

If we tried to eliminate the deficit overnight, we would have so disrupted the economy as to make it even more difficult to get the budget back into balance.