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Office of the First Lady's Press Secretary

Linn County Democratic Central Committee
"September Spectacular"

Mrs. Carter's Remarks

Thank you. I am glad to be back in Linn County, and I'm glad to be back in Iowa so soon. We had a wonderful vacation steaming down the Mississippi on an historic boat, visiting with people at every stop in the heartland of our country -- the beautiful Midwest. It was one of the best vacations we've ever had.

It affirmed our belief that people of this great country are yearning for an America that is greater than it already is and are yearning to play a part in making it greater. It affirmed that people care a great deal about the Presidency -- and about our national concerns.

Jimmy said many times during the campaign that he wanted for our country a government that is as good as our people. And in the best traditions of the Democratic party, he is working to bring that government to this country.

It has been only a little more than two and a half years since Jimmy was inaugurated as President, and in this short time he has compiled a solid record of achievement. I am very proud of him and the job he is doing. On issue after issue he has provided leadership, and I am especially proud that he has consistently chosen to do what is right. His accomplishments have not been shaped by political expediency but by reality and compassion, and in the best interests of all people in our country, not just the special interests that have come to dominate Washington.

From energy to SALT II he has faced the important issues of our day rather than duck them. For example: Our country is at peace -- no lives lost -- and we have worked for peace for others. It was thrilling to see Sadat and the reception he received in Haifa this past week. We are militarily strong, and Jimmy is determined to keep our country strong. We have added 8 million new jobs -- cut the unemployment rate by 25%.

We've reorganized six departments of the government. And we've passed Civil Service reform. Now we can recognize those people in government who do a good job -- and for the first time, get rid of those who don't. We're getting the Federal Government out of private business. We've already deregulated airlines as a first step. Now we're working on deregulating the trucking industry and communications. We're cutting red tape -- reducing paperwork. We've reduced the budget deficit by 60%. In 1976, when Jimmy was running for President, the deficit was \$66 billion under a Republican President -- Jimmy is determined to balance it. We've passed the largest appropriation ever for education. We have not had any grain embargoes since Jimmy has been President, and we will not have.

And we have restored honesty and integrity to government. I could go on talking about accomplishments. There are many -- and they are important and they have been tough challenges. We have not avoided a single issue -- no matter how difficult, how controversial or politically unpopular.

Jimmy is representing the nation and the Democratic party as President, after eight years of Republican administration. He is facing the challenges and responsibilities with competence and courage. His task is obviously made more difficult when he does not have the support of key Democratic leaders.

These are critical times. In spite of our accomplishments, we still have serious problems that are not of his making. Inflation has been with us for ten years. Our energy problem is the result of inaction and political timidity for many years.

This is obviously no time to divide our party and our nation. This is a time for Democrats to unite behind and support an incumbent Democratic President -- and be about the business of solving the difficult problems we face together. We need to look to accomplishments and the positive things about our country as we face the future.

We need also -- in difficult times -- to look to our past. This history of America is different from that of any other country on earth. We are a nation of immigrants who came from every corner of the world, searching for freedom and opportunity. We are blessed with vast natural resources and agricultural abundance -- particularly here in Iowa -- that are the envy of the world. Our commitment to democracy, justice and self-determination has been a beacon for oppressed peoples everywhere. Our history has been one of steady triumph over adversity. We have always been a nation of optimists and we've tended to take our blessings for granted -- until recently.

Now, for the first time in our history, a majority of our people believe that the next five years will be worse than the past five years. We have lost confidence in our ability to meet challenges like energy and inflation -- in our ability to get things done. We have lost confidence in our governments at all levels and in our political leaders and in our institutions to confront and solve our national problems -- to reflect the national interest instead of a collection of special interests. And that is the loss of confidence that Jimmy is trying to repair today.

Over the past few months -- at Camp David and on the trip down the Mississippi and in trips to different communities -- Jimmy and I have had a chance to renew our vision of the American people's dream. We've seen the real America. And there is a wonderful spirit in our country. There are good things going on in communities all over our country. Little acts of kindness -- people reaching out to those who are vulnerable -- the elderly, the mentally afflicted, the poor, the lonely, the weak, most often in quiet, unpublicized ways.

Look at your own communities, at your civic clubs, scouts, community improvement groups, school volunteers, Red Cross and the thousands of other voluntary organizations too numerous to mention. Individuals working together to solve problems at the local level. That is the spirit that Jimmy is trying to bring to the national scene.

We may have lost confidence in our ability to solve our problems -- but we have not lost confidence in America's potential, in the goodness of our people. Jimmy knows that potential and he knows that now is the time for us to join together in a common purpose -- to solve our national problems for the good of all.

The energy crisis is a test for our whole nation. No President can create energy through a stroke of the pen. Jimmy must work with a Congress that, despite talented and dedicated leaders in both Houses, is fragmented, independent, and responsive to the pleas of the special interests. But he has steered through Congress already more important energy legislation than any President in our history. He has given our country the first comprehensive energy plan in history. And right now he is standing up to the special interests and the Washington lobbyists in the fight for a tough windfall profits tax on the oil companies. Historically the oil lobby has prevailed.

Last year when the natural gas and conservation legislation were passed, the vote in Congress was almost even. But then, not one line was passed on oil. This year, because of Jimmy's repeated messages and gas lines, the consumer has become aroused and we have a good chance of passing key legislation.

We can have a clear and forceful energy program that will reduce our dependence on foreign oil and make us energy secure. In a common effort, we can conserve energy. We can find new ways to use energy more efficiently. We can use our technology, harness the power of the sun, use our natural resources to produce energy. We can become energy independent in our country. And in the process, rebuild our unity -- and restore confidence in our ability to get things done. We may be living in difficult times -- but we can be optimistic about the future. We can solve our problems.

We are Americans! We can work hard and persist. We can sacrifice when necessary. We Americans have a history of binding ourselves together in times of crisis. And we can do it again. I don't believe there is any problem we can't solve, any obstacle we can't overcome -- if we join together and pull together. We have a wonderful country. We have a wonderful people. Together we can bring to our country a government as good as its people.

VISIT OF THE FIRST LADY

EVENT 36th Annual Convention - Iowa Daily Press Ass'nIN-TOWN _____ ADVANCE NEEDED? YES DATE _____OUT-OF-TOWN YES DATE 9/8/79If out-of-town, CITY & STATE Cedar Rapids, IowaSPONSOR Iowa Daily Press AssociationTIME OF EVENT approx. 3:30-5 pmTYPE OF EVENT RSC will participate in round-table interview conductedWHERE EVENT HELD by 3-4 lifestyle editors, with Q&A from the Floor, followedby a reception with all attending members and spousesEXPECTED NUMBER OF GUESTS ~~Stouffer's Five Seasons Hotel - Cedar Rapids~~TIME FIRST LADY EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE approx. 1 and 1/2 hours

NOTE: First Lady may arrive before the conclusion of energy panels taking place in the early afternoon

OTHER FIRST FAMILY MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE ? NORSC REMARKS ? NO - Q & A session LENGTH _____PRESS COVERAGE OF EVENT ? OPENORIGINAL CONTACT Skip Weber, News Director PHONE 515/244-0379 (o)
515/278-1570 (h)OTHER EVENT CONTACTS Bill Romjue PHONE C/M headquarters in IowaRick Fruchterman PHONE C/M headquarters in Iowa_____
PHONE _____

PRESS CONTACTS _____ PHONE _____

COMMENTS Event and format confirmed in conversations between JSF AND MFH
with Skip Weber on Aug. 24-25, 1979Trip released Aug. 25, 1979FIRST LADY STAFF CONTACT Mary Hoyt

DATE 8/27/79

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EVENT Linn County Democratic Central Committee "September Spectacular"

IN-TOWN _____ ADVANCE NEEDED? YES DATE _____

OUT-OF-TOWN Cedar Rapids, Iowa DATE 9/8/79

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SPONSOR Linn County Democratic Central Committee

TIME OF EVENT 5:30-³ pm

TYPE OF EVENT Reception and rally

WHERE EVENT HELD Veterans Memorial Coliseum

EXPECTED NUMBER OF GUESTS several hundred

TIME FIRST LADY EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE 5:30-6:30 Reception in Armory Room
7:00-8:00 Rally on main floor

OTHER FIRST FAMILY MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE ? NO

RSC REMARKS ? YES LENGTH _____

PRESS COVERAGE OF EVENT ? OPEN

ORIGINAL CONTACT Ed West, County Chairman PHONE 319/362-5174

OTHER EVENT CONTACTS Bill Romjue PHONE _____

Rick Fruchtenberg PHONE _____

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PRESS CONTACTS _____ PHONE _____

COMMENTS Confirmed in White House press release, 8/25/79

FIRST LADY STAFF CONTACT Jane Fenderson/Carroll Ann Rambo

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IN A COMMON EFFORT, WE CAN CONSERVE ENERGY. WE CAN FIND NEW WAYS TO USE ENERGY MORE EFFICIENTLY.

WE CAN USE OUR TECHNOLOGY. HARNESS THE POWER OF THE SUN. USE OUR NATURAL RESOURCES TO PRODUCE ENERGY.

WE CAN BECOME ENERGY INDEPENDENT IN OUR COUNTRY.

AND IN THE PROCESS, REBUILD OUR UNITY -- AND RESTORE CONFIDENCE IN OUR ABILITY TO GET THINGS DONE.

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WE ARE AMERICANS!

WE CAN WORK HARD AND PERSIST.

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WE MAY BE LIVING IN DIFFICULT TIMES -- BUT WE CAN BE
OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE. WE CAN SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS.

WE ARE AMERICANS!

WE CAN WORK HARD AND PERSIST.

WE CAN SACRIFICE WHEN NECESSARY.

WE AMERICANS HAVE A HISTORY OF BINDING OURSELVES
TOGETHER IN TIMES OF CRISIS.

AND WE CAN DO IT AGAIN.

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TOGETHER WE CAN BRING TO OUR COUNTRY A GOVERNMENT AS
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DRAFT SCHEDULE
9/4/79

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VISIT OF THE FIRST LADY
to
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA
Saturday, September 8, 1979

- 1:35 pm Depart South Grounds en route Andrews AFB.
- 2:05 pm EDT Depart Andrews AFB en route Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
(flying time: 2 hours, 5 minutes)
(gain 1 hour)
- 3:10 pm CDT Arrive Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Cedar Rapids Municipal Airport.
Proceed to Stouffer's Five Seasons Hotel.
- 3:30 pm Arrive Stouffer's Five Seasons Hotel to participate in
36th Annual Convention of the Iowa Daily Press Association.

NOTE: Energy panel may still be in progress; if so,
you may choose to listen for a few minutes. At con-
clusion of energy panel you will participate in a
round-table discussion with 3 life/style editors.
Moderator of the panel will be Jerry Moriarity, President
of the Association.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

(attendance: 400)

- 4:30 pm Reception with Iowa Daily Press Association members and
spouses (newspaper reps. only)

(attendance: 200)

- 5:00 pm Depart reception.

Private Time.

- 5:45 pm Proceed to Veterans Memorial Coliseum for fundraising
reception sponsored by Linn County Democratic Central
Committee.

(\$35/person)

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7:00 pm Proceed to main floor of Veterans Memorial Coliseum
for "September Spectacular" Rally sponsored by Linn
County Democratic Central Committee.

(attendance:)

REMARKS.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

8:00 pm CDT Depart Cedar Rapids, Iowa en route Andrews AFB.

(flying time: 1 hour, 55 minutes)
(lose 1 hour)

10:55 pm EDT Arrive Andrews AFB.

11:20 pm Arrive The White House.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 25, 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR MRS. CARTER

From: Rick Hertzberg *Rick*

Subject: Stump speech

Here is a draft we have prepared for your possible use in upcoming political appearances. We have kept the focus firmly on the President's achievements -- touching, at the same time, on the big current priorities, the windfall profits tax and SALT II.

I hope this will be useful to you as a basis for getting your own thoughts organized the way you want them.

I'm shooting a copy of this to Kit at the same time I'm sending it to you.

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Political Speech for Rosalynn Carter

Since 1974, Jimmy and I have seen more of this country than most Americans see in a lifetime. We have talked face-to-face with thousands of Americans in their homes, in their union halls and on street corners. We have recently returned from a wonderful vacation, steaming down the Mississippi on an historic boat, visiting with all sorts of people who live in the heartland of this great country.

Talking with people like this has helped my understanding of our country and our people. The history of America is different from that of any other country on earth. We are a nation of pioneers who tamed a vast wilderness. We are a nation of immigrants who came from every corner of the world, questing for freedom and opportunity. We are blessed with vast natural resources and an agricultural abundance that is the envy of the world. Our commitment to democracy, justice and self-determination has been a beacon for oppressed peoples everywhere.

Our history has been one of steady triumph over adversity. We have come to believe in the gospel of progress, to believe that we can bequeath a better country to our children. We expect our leaders to quest for peace. We assume that our government will be based on justice and integrity. We believe that a prosperous, growing economy is our birthright.

America has always been a nation of optimists. We tend to take our blessings for granted. In a way, we are a lot like someone who takes robust health for granted until illness strikes.

These are just some of the characteristics that make America unique. But I think they have a lot to do with why many people have difficulty in appreciating all that Jimmy has accomplished in just two-and-a-half years as President.

Take peace, for example. Throughout history, men and women have never stopped longing for peace. The joy that comes with peace is one of the basic lessons of the Bible. But in this century, America has fought four bloody wars. Over the past generation, we have had almost as many years of war as of peace. Mothers have mourned sons who died in battle and our graveyards are filled with markers for the brave men and women who died in the service of our country.

There is much that Jimmy has accomplished as President that makes me proud, but nothing is more important to me as a person, and as a mother, than what Jimmy has done to advance the cause of peace.

It is sad reflection on the era in which we live that Jimmy is the first President in 40 years who can proudly say that no American soldier has died in battle while he was in office.

Today, our nation is at peace, and we are respected and admired throughout the world. Jimmy's commitment to human rights has improved the lives of literally millions of people who dream of freedom. The fight for the Panama Canal Treaties was not politically popular. But those Treaties symbolized our determination to forge a new partnership with the nations of this hemisphere based on fairness, dignity and mutual respect. The foreign policy of our nation is no longer based on cynicism and short-sighted self-interest. Instead, it is again worthy of our great democratic heritage.

America's military might is second to none. And since taking office, Jimmy has been working to strengthen our national security -- first, by improving our military readiness; and second, by seeking to lessen the horrifying prospect of nuclear war. Right now, he is fighting to get the Senate to ratify the SALT II Treaty, which will bring needed stability to the nuclear arms race. He is doing what is right -- and Americans recognize his courage and his commitment.

Three years ago, no one believed that we would see a peace treaty between Israel and Egypt. In just 30 years, these ancient enemies had gone to war four times. But by taking bold risks in the cause of peace, Jimmy was able to help those two courageous leaders, Menachem Begin and Anwar Sadat, forge an epic peace treaty that has lifted the spirits of the entire world. We know that there are still extraordinarily

serious problems in the Middle East. No single agreement can totally end generations of tensions and enmities. But look how far we have come. For the first time in 30 years, there has been concrete progress toward permanent peace in the Middle East. We have taken an important, and lasting, first step, and years from now, the world will remember the Camp David Accords as one of the most significant events of our times.

Peace is not the only thing we take for granted until we no longer have it. Integrity, trust and honesty in government are not issues that rouse the public until the fabric of our system of government under the law is threatened.

As we discovered all too recently, there are times when our elected leaders do not display the integrity and honor we expect of them. Five years ago, our nation was crying out for a return to the rule of law. We had been sobered and saddened by the spectacle of Cabinet officers and White House aides convicted in court of breaking the law.

Today, we can again rely on our government to tell the American people the truth, even when the truth is not always what we want to hear. There are no enemies lists, no political pay-offs. Maybe we have forgotten just how bad it was only a few years ago. We should remember -- and I feel we should be thankful for the honesty, integrity and trust Jimmy has restored to our national life.

Unemployment is another issue that we have all but forgotten. This, too, is not surprising -- for we tend to take a vigorous and prosperous economy for granted.

But when Jimmy was elected, unemployment was at 8 percent, as our nation was still reeling from the worst economic downturn in almost 40 years. Jimmy pledged to put America back to work -- and he kept his word. Today, unemployment is well under 6 percent and we have kept it there for over a year. Our economy has created 8 million new jobs since Jimmy took office. We have unveiled the first comprehensive program to deal with the pressing problem of youth unemployment, particularly among minority teen-agers. Jimmy has also created the largest public service jobs program since the Depression. And these programs have worked. We have reduced unemployment by 25 percent, we have reduced welfare costs and human misery, -- and at the same time, we have moved steadily toward the goal of a balanced budget.

It has been almost twenty years since a President could tell the American people with pride that our nation is at peace, that the rule of law is strong, and that unemployment has declined dramatically. Yet, Jimmy has accomplished this in a little more than two years. For these three reasons alone, Jimmy should be ranked among the best Presidents of this century.

I don't deny that these are difficult times. The energy

crisis and our difficulty in controlling inflation has sapped the traditional optimism of the American people. Our attention is so riveted on our problems that we tend to lose sight of how far we have come in just two and a half years.

The energy crisis is a test for our whole nation. No President can create energy through a stroke of the pen. Jimmy must work with a Congress that, despite talented and dedicated leaders in both Houses, is more fragmented, more independent, and more responsive to the pleas of the special interests than any Congress in recent memory.

Jimmy has made the tough choices. He has faced our problems head on, rather than letting us bury our heads in the sand. He is always trying to make us see how much we still have left to do -- so we tend to forget how much Jimmy has already done. He has steered through the difficult shoals of Congress more important energy legislation than any President in our history. He has given our country the first comprehensive energy plan in history. He has laid the groundwork for a future of energy security. And right now, he is standing up to the special interests and the high-priced Washington lobbyists in the fight for a tough windfall profits tax on the oil companies.

Again and again, Jimmy has anticipated the problems of the 1980's. He has addressed a series of long-festering national problems that were ignored by previous Presidents

because there were no politically popular remedies. Jimmy steered through Congress a landmark civil service reform package that begins the long process of making the Federal bureaucracy responsive to the needs of the American people. He is bringing reason and logic to the confusing welter of Federal rules and regulations. His progress in turning around agencies like OSHA has been striking. Jimmy has presented to the Congress the first national health insurance program in 30 years that has a chance of being enacted into law. For more than a decade there has been a recognition that we need welfare reform. But Jimmy is the first President who has kept fighting to get a welfare reform bill through the Congress.

On issue after issue, Jimmy has provided leadership. He has consistently chosen to do what is right, rather than what is politically expedient. From energy to the Middle East, Jimmy has faced the important issues of our day, rather than ducked them.

As I think you may know, Jimmy and I are from the South. We saw personally how our own lives, the lives of our neighbors, the lives of everyone in our state and our region were transformed by the courage of the civil rights movement. As President, Jimmy has fought to keep the spirit of the civil rights movement alive.

No President in our history has appointed as many blacks,

Hispanics, other minorities, and women to high positions in the Federal government. Jimmy is the first President to incorporate the principle of affirmative action into the important job of selecting Federal judges. On difficult legal issues like the Bakke case and the Weber case, the Federal government has taken a firm position on the side of affirmative action.

Jimmy Carter has compiled a solid record of achievement in the last two-and-a-half years. It has been a time for America to bind up its wounds and come together in a renewed spirit of national unity. It has been a time to lay the groundwork for the next generation. It has been a time of building, a time of achievement, a time for restoring the foundations of our great country.

Without bringing back the trappings of the Imperial Presidency, Jimmy has given our nation strong and compassionate leadership. Much remains to be done, as Jimmy always says. But our way is clear, our course is straight -- and I have confidence in our country, our President, and our future.

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LINN COUNTY DEMOCRATS

THANK YOU. I AM GLAD TO BE BACK IN IOWA AGAIN SO SOON. OUR VACATION TRIP DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI WAS ONE OF THE BEST WE HAVE EVER HAD.

IT AFFIRMED OUR BELIEF THAT PEOPLE IN THE HEARTLAND OF THIS GREAT COUNTRY ARE YEARNING FOR AN AMERICA THAT IS GREATER THAN IT ALREADY IS.

IT AFFIRMED THAT PEOPLE CARE A GREAT DEAL ABOUT THE PRESIDENCY -- AND ABOUT OUR NATIONAL CONCERNS.

I AM PROUD OF OUR PRESIDENT.

IN THE BEST TRADITION OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, HE IS WORKING TO BRING THIS COUNTRY A GOVERNMENT AS GOOD AS ITS PEOPLE.

AND I HOPE YOU WILL THINK ABOUT WHAT JIMMY HAS DONE IN THE PAST TWO AND A HALF YEARS -- WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR THE PEOPLE -- YOU AND ME -- AND NOT JUST FOR A FEW SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS.

I AM ESPECIALLY PROUD TO SAY THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN SHAPED BY POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY -- BUT BY REALITY AND COMPASSION.

AND I WANT YOU TO CONSIDER THESE VALUES AS YOU WEIGH SOME OF THE IMPORTANT LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES THAT HAVE BEEN MET SINCE JIMMY HAS BEEN IN OFFICE.

FOR EXAMPLE:

- WE ARE A NATION AT PEACE -- NO ONE LOST LIFE
- WE'VE ADDED 8 MILLION NEW JOBS -- CUT THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY 25%
- WE'VE PASSED THE LARGEST APPROPRIATION FOR EDUCATION EVER
- WE'VE REORGANIZED SIX DEPARTMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT, PASSED CIVIL SERVICE REFORM. AND WE'RE CUTTING RED TAPE, REDUCING PAPERWORK AND SAVING THE TAXPAYER -- YOU AND ME -- PRECIOUS DOLLARS
- WE'VE REDUCED THE BUDGET DEFICIT BY HALF
- AND WE HAVE RESTORED INTEGRITY TO GOVERNMENT.

THAT IS SO IMPORTANT.

AND WE CAN BE PROUD OF THIS RECORD AND THE GROUNDWORK THAT WE ARE LAYING FOR THE FUTURE.

STILL, WE SENSE THAT SOMETHING HAS GONE WRONG.

WE KNOW THAT THE HISTORY OF THIS GREAT COUNTRY HAS BEEN ONE OF STEADY TRIUMPH OVER ADVERSITY. OUR PIONEERS TAMED THE WILDERNESS -- OUR IMMIGRANTS CAPTURED FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITY -- OUR FOREFATHERS SHAPED A SOCIETY COMMITTED TO DEMOCRACY, JUSTICE AND SELF DETERMINATION.

AND WE HAVE TAKEN THESE BLESSINGS FOR GRANTED. UNTIL RECENTLY.

NOW -- WE ARE LEARNING THAT THERE IS MUCH THAT CANNOT BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED.

BUT WE ARE FACING UP TO THE FACT THAT OUR RESOURCES ARE FINITE. BUT OUR HUMAN NEEDS ARE NOT! AND WE ASK OURSELVES, 'WHAT ARE WE TO DO?'

I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE LOST OUR CONFIDENCE IN THE POTENTIAL OF AMERICA. BUT WE HAVE LOST OUR CONFIDENCE IN OUR ABILITY TO GET THINGS DONE.

AND I THINK MOST OF US REALIZE THAT IT IS TIME TO TAKE STOCK OF OUR STRENGTHS SO THAT WE CAN POOL THEM FOR THE GOOD OF ALL PEOPLE.

IT IS NOT IN OUR HERITAGE TO LET OUR CONFIDENCE SLIP, OR TO LOSE OUR VALUES, OR TO LOSE FAITH IN OURSELVES, IN OUR GOVERNMENT OR IN OUR FUTURE.

THE SPACIOUSNESS OF MIND AND SPIRIT WHICH HAS ALWAYS EXISTED IN THIS COUNTRY -- AND WHICH EXISTS TODAY -- IS UNIQUE.

THINK OF THE SORRY SHAPE WE'D BE IN WITHOUT RED CROSS DISASTER RELIEF, SCOUTS, CIVIC CLUBS, COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GROUPS, SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS AND THE THOUSANDS OF OTHER PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION.

WE HAVE ALWAYS BANDED TOGETHER TO SOLVE OUR COMMUNITY PROBLEMS.

AND IT IS THAT SPIRIT JIMMY IS TRYING TO BRING TO THE NATIONAL SCENE.

HE UNDERSTANDS AMERICA'S POTENTIAL AND THE NEED FOR ACTING IN UNISON FOR THE GOOD OF ALL.

THE ENERGY CRISIS, FOR EXAMPLE, IS A TEST FOR OUR WHOLE NATION. NO PRESIDENT CAN CREATE ENERGY THROUGH A STROKE OF THE PEN. JIMMY MUST WORK WITH A CONGRESS THAT, DESPITE TALENTED AND DEDICATED LEADERS IN BOTH HOUSES, IS MORE FRAGMENTED, MORE INDEPENDENT, AND MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE PLEAS OF THE SPECIAL INTERESTS AND ANY CONGRESS IN RECENT HISTORY. BUT HE HAS STEERED THROUGH THE DIFFICULT SHOALS OF CONGRESS MORE IMPORTANT ENERGY LEGISLATION THAN ANY PRESIDENT IN OUR HISTORY. HE HAS GIVEN OUR COUNTRY THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY PLAN IN HISTORY. HE HAS LAID THE GROUNDWORK FOR A FUTURE OF ENERGY SECURITY. AND RIGHT NOW, HE IS STANDING UP TO THE SPECIAL INTERESTS AND THE HIGH-PRICED WASHINGTON LOBBYISTS IN THE FIGHT FOR A TOUGH WINDFALL PROFITS TAX ON THE OIL COMPANIES.

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- WE CAN FIND NEW WAYS TO USE ENERGY MORE EFFICIENTLY;
- WE CAN USE OUR TECHNOLOGY AND OUR GOD-GIVEN RESOURCES TO PRODUCE NEW ENERGY;
- AND WE CAN, IN THE PROCESS, CREATE NEW JOBS AND UNIFY AND REBUILD OUR CONFIDENCE IN OUR ABILITY TO GET THINGS DONE.

BUT WE HAVE TO START WITH OURSELVES.

WE HAVE TO KEEP WORKING RIGHT HERE IN CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS, IN CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS IN LOCAL COMMITTEES.

THEN WE CAN OVERCOME ANY OBSTACLE!

IT MAY CALL FOR HARD WORK AND SACRIFICE. BUT WE'VE DONE IT BEFORE.

WE ARE AMERICANS!

WE ARE THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA.

LINN COUNTY DEMOCRATS

THANK YOU. GLAD TO BE BACK IN LINN COUNTY.

I'M GLAD TO BE BACK IN IOWA SO SOON. WE HAD A WONDERFUL VACATION STEAMING DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI ON AN HISTORIC BOAT, VISITING WITH PEOPLE AT EVERY STOP IN THE HEARTLAND OF OUR COUNTRY -- THE BEAUTIFUL MIDWEST. IT WAS ONE OF THE BEST VACATIONS WE'VE EVER HAD.

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IT AFFIRMED THAT PEOPLE CARE A GREAT DEAL ABOUT THE PRESIDENCY -- AND ABOUT OUR NATIONAL CONCERNS.

JIMMY SAID MANY TIMES DURING THE CAMPAIGN THAT HE WANTED FOR OUR COUNTRY A GOVERNMENT THAT IS AS GOOD AS OUR PEOPLE.

AND HE HAS A SOLID RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENTS. I AM
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I COULD GO ON TALKING ABOUT OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

AND WE CAN ALL BE PROUD OF THIS RECORD.

AND WE MUST REMEMBER OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND THE POSITIVE
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WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A NATION OF OPTIMISTS AND WE'VE TENDED TO TAKE OUR BLESSINGS FOR GRANTED -- UNTIL RECENTLY.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OUR HISTORY, A MAJORITY OF OUR PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT THE NEXT FIVE YEARS WILL BE WORSE THAN THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

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WE HAVE LOST CONFIDENCE IN OUR GOVERNMENT AND IN OUR NATIONAL LEADERS AND IN OUR INSTITUTIONS TO CONFRONT AND

SOLVE OUR NATIONAL PROBLEMS -- TO REFLECT THE NATIONAL INTEREST INSTEAD OF A COLLECTION OF SPECIAL INTERESTS.

AND THAT IS THE LOSS OF CONFIDENCE THAT JIMMY IS TRYING TO REPAIR TODAY.

OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS -- AT CAMP DAVID AND ON THE TRIP DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI AND IN TRAVELING TO COMMUNITIES IN OUR COUNTRY -- THE PRESIDENT (AND I) HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO RENEW OUR VISION OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE'S DREAM. WE'VE SEEN THE REAL AMERICA.

AND THERE IS A WONDERFUL SPIRIT IN OUR COUNTRY. THERE ARE SO MANY GOOD THINGS GOING ON IN COMMUNITIES ALL OVER OUR COUNTRY.

~~See the following letter~~

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~~So~~ ^{And} we can be proud of ~~the~~ ^{this} record and the groundwork that we are laying for the future. T. am.

Still, we ~~all know~~^{sense} that something ~~is~~^{has gone} wrong.

We know that the history of this great country has been one of steady triumph over adversity. Our pioneers tamed the wilderness--our immigrants ^{Captured} ~~freedom~~ freedom and opportunity--our forefather ~~was~~ ^{Shaped} a society committed to democracy, justice and self determination.

And we have taken ~~our~~ ^{these} blessings for granted. ^{Until recently}
~~now~~ ^{now} - ~~surely~~ we are learning that there is much that cannont
be taken for granted.

We are facing up to the fact that our resources are finite. But our human needs are not! And we ask ourselves, 'what are we to do?'

I do not believe that we have lost ~~nowhere~~ our confidence ~~in the great masses of the American people~~ in the potential of America. But we have lost our confidence in our ability to get things done.

And I think most of us realize that it is time to take stock of our strengths so that we can pool them for the good of all/ people. It is not in our heritage to let our confidence slip, or to lose our values, or to lose faith in ourselves, in our government or in our future.

The spaciousness of mind and spirit which has always existed in this country--and which exists ~~in abundance~~ today--is unique.

Think of the sorry shape we'd be in without Red Cross disaster relief, ~~Alcoholics Anonymous~~ ^{Scouts}, civic clubs, community improvement groups, school volunteers and the thousands of other private organizations too numerous to mention.

We have always banded together to solve our community problems.

And it is that spirit Jimmy is trying to bring to ~~nationalism~~
the national scene.

He has laid out a clear energy policy that will reduce our dependence on foreign oil. He has said that:

- We CAN be energy secure;
- We CAN practice energy conservation;
- We CAN find new ways to use energy more efficiently
- We CAN use our technology and our God-given resources to produce ~~new~~ energy
- And we CAN, in the process, create new jobs and ~~unify~~ unify and rebuild our confidence in our ability to get things done.

~~When you will~~ But we have to start with ourselves.
~~We have to~~ If you keep working right here in ~~your~~ clubs and associations,
~~to~~ in ~~your~~ churches and schools in in ~~your~~ local committees,
~~then~~ we can overcome ~~our national problems~~ any obstacle!

It may call for hard work and sacrifice. But we've done it before.

We are Americans!

We ARE the spirit of America.

~~And our country and our government can be as~~
good as our people. ~~and working~~

~~And I know that we can work~~
~~together to~~ ~~we can~~ ~~our nation~~ make it even grater than it already is.

We are Americans!

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~~And~~

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start here Thank you.

Since 1974

I am happy to be
back in DC
again so soon.

~~I reject these observations.~~ In recent years, there have been few people who have met with more Americans in more different places and talked with them and listened to them than I have. I have friends in all walks of life, in cities and towns in every state in our country. People who helped in the campaign, friends who have become close to me. I have the chance to discuss issues with national and local leaders who come to the White House to report to Jimmy about national life.

I can pick up my White House telephone any hour of the day or night and ask advice and counsel from experts in any field, and I do it often. And nobody ever turns me down.

My mail is heavy. I get hundreds, sometimes thousands of letters each week from people who pour out their hearts to me and tell me about the daily problems of life.

August 25, 1979 -- Draft

Political Speech for Rosalynn Carter

And the President of the U.S. -- I am happy to say -- takes me with him on his vacations!
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But now suddenly we are learning that there is much we can NOT take for granted. We are facing up to the fact that our resources are finite. But our human needs are not.

And I think that most of us believe it is time to take stock! It is in our heritage---and in our national interest--to inventory our strengths and our creativity. It is NOT our legacy to let our confidence slip, or lose our values, or lose our faith in ourselves, in our government or in our future.

Think of all of the times in your own lives when you have banded together--as your forefathers did--to overcome obstacles and to get things done.

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The spaciousness of mind and spirit which exists in America is unique.

And so is our ability to draw on common sense to get things done.

It is that spirit Jimmy is trying to bring to national problems.

And I think he is doing a great job.

He has vision. He understands America's potential and the need for acting in unison for the good of all.

~~I think~~ *you* know how Jimmy feels about that collection of special separate interests that has come to dominate Washington.

People are always asking me: "Is he running against Washington?" And I say, "Of course. He was elected to bring a national purpose to Washington. He was elected to represent citizens and taxpayers and not to satisfy all the special groups at the same time."

And that often means tackling tough problems that are unpopular and politically risky.

*But he has taken on those issues.
Consider the accomplishments:*

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People are always asking me: "Is he running against Washington?" And I say, "Of course. He was elected to bring a national purpose to Washington. He was elected to represent citizens and taxpayers and not to satisfy all the special groups at the same time."

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But he has taken on those issues.

Consider ~~the~~ ^{the} accomplishments of the past 2 1/2 years.

We are a nation at peace -- no American has had to give up his life in war since Jimmy has been President. ^{And we are respected throughout the world.} Jimmy's commitment to human rights has improved the lives of literally millions of people who dream of freedom.

We've added 8 million new jobs -- cut the unemployment rate by 25%. *Jimmy*
has pledged to put America back to work -- & he is keeping his word.
We've passed the largest appropriation for education ever.

And the bureaucracy -- I can tell you without reservation that it is worse than we ever imagined! We're working on it! We've reorganized six departments of the government -- making them more effective, more efficient, more responsive to the needs of the people.

And passed Civil Service reform. Now we can recognize those people in government who do a good job -- and for the first time, get rid of those who don't.

We're cutting red tape, reducing paperwork -- saving the taxpayer -- you and me -- precious dollars.

We've reduced the budget deficit by half -- down from \$66 billion to at least \$30 billion -- and Jimmy is determined that he's going to balance it.

We have restored integrity to government. *Integrity. Trust. Honesty.*
We expect this from our national leaders.
~~At the same time~~ We have held to ~~those~~ important Democratic principles. --

~~For the past two and one-half years,~~ the Carter Presidency has been in the best traditions of ~~the democratic~~ *our* party -- a great political party that binds together the multitude of regions and interests and concerns of America, standing for the interests of all against the interests of some.

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Jimmy has compiled a solid record of achievement. It has been a time for America to bind up its wounds and come together in a renewed

spirit of national unity. It has been a time to lay the groundwork for the next generation. It has been a time of building, a time of ~~great~~ achievement, a time for restoring the foundations of our great country.

Without bringing back the trappings of the Imperial Presidency, Jimmy has given our nation strong and compassionate leadership. Much remains to be done, as Jimmy always says. But our way is clear, our course is straight -- and I have confidence in our country, our President, and our future.

crisis and our difficulty in controlling inflation has sapped the traditional optimism of the American people. Our attention is so riveted on our problems that we tend to lose sight of how far we have come in ~~just two and a half years.~~

add *for example*
The energy crisis, is a test for our whole nation. No President can create energy through a stroke of the pen. Jimmy must work with a Congress that, despite talented and dedicated leaders in both Houses, is more fragmented, more independent, and more responsive to the pleas of the special interests than any Congress in recent memory..

~~Jimmy has made the tough choices. He has faced our problems head on, rather than letting us bury our heads in the sand. He is always trying to make us see how much we still have left to do - so we tend to forget how much Jimmy has already done.~~ *But* He has steered through the difficult shoals of Congress more important energy legislation than any President in our history. He has given our country the first comprehensive energy plan in history. He has laid the groundwork for a future of energy security. And right now, he is standing up to the special interests and the high-priced Washington lobbyists in the fight for a tough windfall profits tax on the oil companies.

Again and again, Jimmy has anticipated the problems of the 1980's. He has addressed a series of long-festering national problems that were ignored by previous Presidents

~~ACCOMPLISHED IN SUCH A SHORT TIME.~~

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NONE OF HIS LAST SEVEN (7) PREDECESSORS COULD SAY THAT -- AND JIMMY IS DETERMINED TO KEEP OUR COUNTRY STRONG SO THAT NO ONE WILL HAVE TO FIGHT AND DIE IN THE FUTURE.

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WE HAVE RESTORED INTEGRITY TO GOVERNMENT.

We have held to those important Democratic principles.

As you think people might laugh here do for them should explain or clarify

Hispanics, other minorities, and women to high positions in the Federal government. Jimmy is the first President to incorporate the principle of affirmative action into the important job of selecting Federal judges. On difficult legal issues like the Bakke case and the Weber case, the Federal government has taken a firm position on the side of affirmative action.

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Office of the First Lady's Press Secretary

Summary Schedule

TRIP OF THE FIRST LADY TO
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

Saturday, September 8, 1979

All times are local

1:55 pm THE FIRST LADY DEPARTS ANDREWS AFB ENROUTE CEDAR
RAPIDS, IOWA

Flying time: 2 hours, 5 minutes

3:00 pm THE FIRST LADY ARRIVES CEDAR RAPIDS MUNICIPAL
AIRPORT, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

Open Press Coverage

3:10 pm THE FIRST LADY DEPARTS CEDAR RAPIDS AIRPORT ENROUTE
STOUFFER'S FIVE SEASONS HOTEL

3:25 pm THE FIRST LADY ARRIVES STOUFFER'S HOTEL AND PROCEEDS
TO ILLINOIS ROOM FOR 36th ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE
IOWA DAILY PRESS ASSOCIATION

3:30 pm PROGRAM COMMENCES
Questions from panel members
Questions from the audience

Open Press Coverage

4:30 pm PROGRAM CONCLUDES. THE FIRST LADY DEPARTS ILLINOIS
ROOM ENROUTE MINNESOTA ROOM FOR RECEPTION WITH
MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

No press coverage

5:00 pm THE FIRST LADY DEPARTS RECEPTION ENROUTE SUITE FOR
PRIVATE TIME

6:15 pm THE FIRST LADY ARRIVES ARMORY ROOM, VETERANS MEMORIAL
COLISEUM FOR FUNDRAISING RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE
LINN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Press photo opportunity

6:55 pm THE FIRST LADY DEPARTS ARMORY ROOM ENROUTE AUDITORIUM

7:00 pm THE FIRST LADY ARRIVE AUDITORIUM FOR "SEPTEMBER
SPECTACULAR" RALLY SPONSORED BY THE LINN COUNTY
DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Open Press Coverage

PROGRAM COMMENCES
First Lady Remarks

7:50 pm THE FIRST LADY DEPARTS VETERANS MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
ENROUTE CEDAR RAPIDS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

8:10 pm THE FIRST LADY DEPARTS CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA ENROUTE
ANDREWS AFB

11:05 pm THE FIRST LADY ARRIVES ANDREWS AFB, BOARDS MOTORCADE
AND DEPARTS ENROUTE THE WHITE HOUSE

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SEPTEMBER 5, 1979

Office of the First Lady's Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

Press Credentials - First Lady's Trip to Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Saturday, September 8

Contact: 319-365-5258

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Wednesday, Sept. 5
Thursday, Sept. 6

Credentials may be picked up on Saturday, 8am - 12 noon at the
Stouffer's Five Seasons Hotel - room to be announced

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VISIT OF THE FIRST LADY

EVENT Linn County Democratic Central Committee "September Spectacular"

IN-TOWN _____ ADVANCE NEEDED? YES DATE _____

OUT-OF-TOWN Cedar Rapids, Iowa DATE 9/8/79

If out-of-town, CITY & STATE _____

SPONSOR Linn County Democratic Central Committee

TIME OF EVENT 5:30-⁸ pm

TYPE OF EVENT Reception and rally

WHERE EVENT HELD Veterans Memorial Coliseum

EXPECTED NUMBER OF GUESTS several hundred

TIME FIRST LADY EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE 5:30-6:30 Reception in Armory Room
7:00-8:00 Rally on main floor

OTHER FIRST FAMILY MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE ? NO

RSC REMARKS ? YES LENGTH _____

PRESS COVERAGE OF EVENT ? OPEN

ORIGINAL CONTACT Ed West, County Chairman PHONE 319/362-5174

OTHER EVENT CONTACTS Bill Romjue PHONE 515-282-5090

Rick Fruchtenberg PHONE _____

PHONE _____

PRESS CONTACTS _____ PHONE _____

COMMENTS Confirmed in White House press release, 8/25/79

FIRST LADY STAFF CONTACT Jane Fenderson/Carroll Ann Rambo

EVENT 36th Annual Convention - Iowa Daily Press Ass'nIN-TOWN _____ ADVANCE NEEDED? YES DATE _____OUT-OF-TOWN YES DATE 9/8/79If out-of-town, CITY & STATE Cedar Rapids, IowaSPONSOR Iowa Daily Press AssociationTIME OF EVENT approx. 3:30-5 pmTYPE OF EVENT RSC will participate in round-table interview conductedWHERE EVENT HELD by 3-4 lifestyle editors, with Q&A from the Floor, followedby a reception with all attending members and spousesEXPECTED NUMBER OF GUESTS Stouffer's Five Seasons Hotel - Cedar RapidsTIME FIRST LADY EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE approx. 1 and 1/2 hours

NOTE: First Lady may arrive before the conclusion of energy panels taking place in the early afternoon

OTHER FIRST FAMILY MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE ? NORSC REMARKS ? NO - Q & A session LENGTH _____PRESS COVERAGE OF EVENT ? OPENORIGINAL CONTACT Skip Weber, News Director PHONE 515/244-0379 (o)
515/278-1570 (h)OTHER EVENT CONTACTS Bill Romjue PHONE C/M headquarters in IowaRick Fruchterman PHONE C/M headquarters in Iowa

PHONE _____

PRESS CONTACTS _____ PHONE _____

COMMENTS Event and format confirmed in conversations between JSE AND MFH
with Skip Weber on Aug. 24-25, 1979Trip released Aug. 25, 1979FIRST LADY STAFF CONTACT Mary Hoyt

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AUGUST 25, 1979

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LINN COUNTY DEMOCRATS

THANK YOU. GLAD TO BE BACK IN LINN COUNTY.

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I'M GLAD TO BE BACK IN IOWA SO SOON. WE HAD A WONDERFUL VACATION STEAMING DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI ON AN HISTORIC BOAT, VISITING WITH PEOPLE AT EVERY STOP IN THE HEARTLAND OF OUR COUNTRY -- THE BEAUTIFUL MIDWEST. IT WAS ONE OF THE BEST VACATIONS WE'VE EVER HAD.

IT AFFIRMED OUR BELIEF THAT PEOPLE OF THIS GREAT COUNTRY ARE YEARNING FOR AN AMERICA THAT IS GREATER THAN IT ALREADY IS. *and are yearning to play a part in making it greater.*

IT AFFIRMED THAT PEOPLE CARE A GREAT DEAL ABOUT THE PRESIDENCY -- AND ABOUT OUR NATIONAL CONCERNS.

JIMMY SAID MANY TIMES DURING THE CAMPAIGN THAT HE WANTED FOR OUR COUNTRY A GOVERNMENT THAT IS AS GOOD AS OUR PEOPLE.

And in the best traditions of Democratic party he is working to bring that govt. to this country.

It has been only a little more than 2 1/2 yrs since I was inaugurated as Pres. and ^{in this short time} he ^{compiled} has a solid record of achievement. I am very proud of him & the job he is doing. On issue after issue he has provided leadership and I am especially proud that he has consistently chosen to do what is right. His accomplishments v not been shaped by political expediency --- but by reality & compassion, and in the best interests of all people of our country - not just the special interests that have come to dominate Washington.

From energy to SALT II he has faced the big issues of our day, rather than ducked them. For example

Our country is at peace, ^{no lives lost} and we've worked for peace, ^{for others} ~~to our country is respected~~ ~~and the world~~ ^{no lives lost} - Shuffling to see Sadat & the reception he received in Haifa this past week. ♪ We are militarily strong & I is determined to keep our co strong

We've added 8 million new jobs - cut the unemployment rate by 25%.

We've reorganized 6 depts of the govt

And passed civil service reform - Now we can recognize those people in govt who do a good job — and for the first

time get rid of those who don't

We're getting the federal govt out of private business. We've already deregulated airlines as a first step - now working on deregulating the trucking industry & communications

We're cutting red tape - reducing paperwork

We've reduced the budget deficit by 60%. In 1976 when I was running for ~~for~~ Pres. The deficit was \$66 billion under a Republican Pres. - I is determined to balance it.

We've passed largest appropriation ever for education.

We have not had ~~you haven't seen~~ any grain embargoes since I has been Pres - & ~~you want~~ we will not have

And we have restored honesty & integrity to government

I could go on talking about accomplishment. There are many - & they are imp. & they have been

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tough challenges. We v not avoided
a single issue - no matter how difficult,
how complex or controversial - our politically
unpopular.

Jimmy is representing the nation &
the ~~same~~ Demo party as President, after
8 years of Republican administration.
He is facing the challenges and
responsibilities with competence and
courage. His task is obviously made
more difficult when he does not have
the support of key Democratic leaders.

These are critical times. In
spite of our accomplishments we ^{still} ~~are~~
have serious problems. ^{that are not of his making} Inflation [has
been with us for 10 yrs.] Energy [problem
is the result of inaction & political
timidity for many years]

This is obviously no time to divide
our party and our nation [unwarranted
political attacks on an] This is
a time ^{for Democrats} to unite behind & support an
incumbent Democratic President - and
be about the business of solving ^{the} ~~our~~
difficult problems ^{we face} together.

We need to look to accomplishments
and the positive things about our country
as we ~~look~~ ^{face} to the future.

WE NEED ALSO TO LOOK TO OUR PAST IN DIFFICULT TIMES.

THE HISTORY OF AMERICA IS DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF ANY OTHER COUNTRY ON EARTH. ~~WE ARE A NATION OF PIONEERS WHO TAMED A VAST WILDERNESS.~~ WE ARE A NATION OF IMMIGRANTS WHO CAME FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE WORLD, SEARCHING FOR FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITY. WE ARE BLESSED WITH VAST NATURAL RESOURCES AND ~~AND~~ AGRICULTURAL ABUNDANCE ^(particularly here in Iowa) THAT IS THE ENVY OF THE WORLD. OUR COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY, JUSTICE AND SELF-DETERMINATION HAS BEEN A BEACON FOR OPPRESSED PEOPLES EVERYWHERE.

OUR HISTORY HAS BEEN ONE OF STEADY TRIUMPH OVER ADVERSITY.

WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A NATION OF OPTIMISTS AND WE'VE TENDED TO TAKE OUR BLESSINGS FOR GRANTED -- UNTIL RECENTLY.

Now,

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OUR HISTORY, A MAJORITY OF OUR PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT THE NEXT FIVE YEARS WILL BE WORSE THAN THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

WE HAVE LOST CONFIDENCE IN OUR ABILITY ^{to meet challenges like energy & inflation in our ability} TO GET THINGS DONE.

~~WE HAVE LOST CONFIDENCE IN OUR ABILITY TO GET THINGS DONE.~~

^{at all levels}
~~WE HAVE LOST CONFIDENCE IN OUR GOVERNMENT AND IN OUR~~
^{political} ~~NATIONAL~~ LEADERS AND IN OUR INSTITUTIONS TO CONFRONT AND

SOLVE OUR NATIONAL PROBLEMS -- TO REFLECT THE NATIONAL INTEREST INSTEAD OF A COLLECTION OF SPECIAL INTERESTS.

AND THAT IS THE LOSS OF CONFIDENCE THAT JIMMY IS TRYING TO REPAIR TODAY.

OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS -- AT CAMP DAVID AND ON THE TRIP DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI AND IN ^{these} ~~TRAVELING~~ ^{different} TO COMMUNITIES ~~IN OUR COUNTRY~~ -- ^{Jimmy} ~~THE PRESIDENT~~ (AND I) HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO RENEW OUR VISION OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE'S DREAM. WE'VE SEEN THE REAL AMERICA.

AND THERE IS A WONDERFUL SPIRIT IN OUR COUNTRY. THERE ARE ~~SO MANY~~ GOOD THINGS GOING ON IN COMMUNITIES ALL OVER OUR COUNTRY.

Little acts of kindness - ^{people} reaching
out to those who are vulnerable -
The elderly - The Mentally afflicted -
The poor - The lonely - The weak -
most often in quiet, unpublicized
ways -

Look at your own community -
at your ^{Red Cross} SCOUTS, CIVIC CLUBS, COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT
GROUPS, SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS, AND THE THOUSANDS OF OTHER ^{voluntary} PRIVATE
ORGANIZATIONS TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION. - Individuals
working together to solve problems. ^{at} the
~~the local level~~ local level -

A people like you all over our country
That's the spirit of America. You are the spirit
of America. ~~You are the national interest~~ you
are what make us a caring & a sharing society.

That is the spirit that Jimmy is
trying to bring to the national scene.

We may v lost confidence in
in our ability to solve our problems -
but we v not lost confidence in
America's potential - in the goodness of our
people.

*time for
solve our national
problems*
Jimmy understands that
potential ~~to know~~ and he knows ~~now~~ that now is the
time for us
to join together in a common purpose - to
for the good of all.

THE ENERGY CRISIS, ~~FOR EXAMPLE~~, IS A TEST FOR OUR WHOLE NATION. NO PRESIDENT CAN CREATE ENERGY THROUGH A STROKE OF THE PEN. JIMMY MUST WORK WITH A CONGRESS THAT, DESPITE TALENTED AND DEDICATED LEADERS IN BOTH HOUSES, IS ~~TOO~~ FRAGMENTED, ~~TOO~~ INDEPENDENT, AND ~~TOO~~ RESPONSIVE TO THE PLEAS OF THE SPECIAL INTERESTS ~~AND ANY CONGRESS IN RECENT HISTORY.~~ BUT HE HAS STEERED THROUGH ~~THE DIFFICULT SHOALS~~ ^{ALREADY} OF CONGRESS, MORE IMPORTANT ENERGY LEGISLATION, THAN ANY PRESIDENT IN OUR HISTORY. HE HAS GIVEN OUR COUNTRY THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY PLAN IN HISTORY. ~~HE HAS LAYD~~ THE ~~GROUNDWORK FOR A FUTURE OF ENERGY SECURITY.~~ AND RIGHT NOW, HE IS STANDING UP TO THE SPECIAL INTERESTS AND THE ~~HIGH-PRICED~~ WASHINGTON LOBBYISTS IN THE FIGHT FOR A TOUGH WINDFALL PROFITS TAX ON THE OIL COMPANIES.

Historically, the oil lobby has prevailed.

Last year when the natural gas & conservation legislation were passed the vote in Congress was almost even.

But ^{then} not one line was passed on oil. Now

This year, because of his repeated messages — and gas lines. The consumer has become aroused & we have a good chance of passing key energy legislation. (We need your help in this)

~~Our energy program that~~
~~is clear & forceful energy~~
We can have a
clear & forceful energy
program that will reduce our
dependence on foreign oil ~~and make us energy~~
~~bring forth the spirit that built our national~~
greatness.

In a common
effort

~~We can be energy secure~~
" " Conserve energy
" " find new ways to use energy
more efficiently.

We can use our technology. Harness
the power of the sun. Use our natural
resources to produce energy.

We can become " independent
in our country — ~~and we will~~

And in the process rebuild
our unity — and restore confidence in
our ability to get things done.

We may be living in difficult
times — but we can be optimistic about
the future. We can solve our problems.

We are Americans!

We can work hard & persist.

" " sacrifice when necessary.

We Americans have a history
of binding ourselves together in times of
crisis.

And we can do it again.

I don't believe there is any
problem we can't solve, any obstacle
we can't overcome, if we join together —
I pull together

We have a wonderful country
" " " people
Together - ~~working together~~ - we
can bring to our country a govt. as good
as its people.

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