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SEPTEMBER 19, 1980

Office of the First Lady's Press Secretary

TRIP OF THE FIRST LADY TO
ORLANDO, FLORIDA & CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1980

8:05 am EDT THE FIRST LADY DEPARTS ANDREWS AFB ENROUTE ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Flying time: 1 hour, 55 minutes
Breakfast will be served

10:00 am EDT THE FIRST LADY ARRIVES JETPORT, VIP ARRIVAL AREA, SOUTH TOWER,
ORLANDO, INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ORLANDO, FL.

The First Lady is greeted by Democratic officials

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

10:05 am EDT THE FIRST LADY DEPARTS ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ENROUTE
SEA WORLD

Press Follows

10:25 am EDT THE FIRST LADY ARRIVES SEA WORLD AND PROCEEDS TO PRIVATE ROOM FOR
PERSONAL/STAFF TIME

PRESS NOTE: Press proceed to
Amphitheater to preposition

Press Facilities: Mult
25' throw
Power
3 LD's adjacent to
press area

10:35 am EDT THE FIRST LADY ARRIVES AMPHITHEATER FOR GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON
AGING. PROGRAM COMMENCES.

Remarks by Margaret Lynn Dugar
Remarks by Governor Bob Graham

FIRST LADY REMARKS

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

11:05 am EDT THE FIRST LADY DEPARTS STAGE ENROUTE PRIVATE ROOM FOR PERSONAL/STAFF
TIME

PRESS NOTE: Press remain in Amphitheater
for press comments

11:35 am EDT THE FIRST LADY ARRIVES AMPHITHEATER FOR PRESS COMMENTS

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

11:55 am EDT PRESS COMMENTS CONCLUDE. THE FIRST LADY PROCEEDS TO PRIVATE ROOM FOR PERSONAL/STAFF TIME

PRESS NOTE: Press proceed to
Luau Terrace to preposition

Press Facilities: Mult
Lights
Power
20' throw
12 LD's

12:15 pm EDT THE FIRST LADY ARRIVES LUAU TERRACE FOR CARTER-MONDALE PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE BUFFET LUNCHEON. PROGRAM COMMENCES.

Remarks by George Becker
Presentation of Flowers by "CHAD"
Remarks by Bill Fredrick

FIRST LADY REMARKS

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

12:30 pm EDT PROGRAM CONCLUDES. RECEIVING LINE COMMENCES.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

1:00 pm EDT THE FIRST LADY DEPARTS SEA WORLD ENROUTE ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Press Follows

1:30 pm EDT THE FIRST LADY ARRIVES ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, BOARDS EXECUTIVE ONE AND DEPARTS ENROUTE CHARLESTON, S.C.

Flying time: 1 hour, 5 minutes
Lunch will be served

2:35 pm EDT THE FIRST LADY ARRIVES CHARLESTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, COUNTY AVIATION AUTHORITY, CHARLESTON, S.C.

The First Lady is greeted by Democratic officials

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

2:40 pm EDT THE FIRST LADY DEPARTS CHARLESTON AIRPORT ENROUTE SHERATON INN HOTEL

Press Follows

3:00 pm EDT THE FIRST LADY ARRIVES SHERATON INN AND PROCEEDS TO PRIVATE ROOM FOR PERSONAL/STAFF TIME

PRESS NOTE: Press proceed to Citadel
B room for press comments

3:05 pm EDT THE FIRST LADY ARRIVES CITADEL B ROOM FOR PRESS COMMENTS

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

--MORE--

3:20 pm EDT

PRESS COMMENTS CONCLUDE. THE FIRST LADY PROCEEDS TO PRIVATE ROOM
FOR PERSONAL/STAFF TIME

PRESS NOTE: Press proceed to
Cotillion Room to preposition

Press Facilities: Mult
Lights
40' throw

3:30 pm EDT

THE FIRST LADY ARRIVES COTILLION ROOM FOR RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE
DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF CHARLESTON. PROGRAM COMMENCES.

Remarks by Elizabeth Alston

Remarks by Tunky Riley

Remarks by Mollie Ravenel

FIRST LADY REMARKS

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

3:45 pm EDT

THE FIRST LADY DEPARTS STAGE ENROUTE PRIVATE ROOM FOR PERSONAL/STAFF
TIME

PRESS NOTE: Coin phones available
in lobby

4:15 pm EDT

THE FIRST LADY DEPARTS SHERATON INN ENROUTE CHARLESTON MUNICIPAL
AIRPORT

Press Follows

4:45 pm EDT

THE FIRST LADY ARRIVES CHARLESTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, BOARDS EXECUTIVE
ONE AND DEPARTS ENROUTE ANDREWS AFB

Flying time: 1 hour, 5 minutes

5:50 pm EDT

THE FIRST LADY ARRIVES ANDREWS AFB

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SEPTEMBER 18, 1980

Office of the First Lady's Press Secretary

SUMMARY SCHEDULE

TRIP OF THE FIRST LADY TO
ORLANDO, FLORIDA & CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

All times are local

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1980

7:30 am Press check-in, Andrews AFB, VIP Lounge

8:05 am THE FIRST LADY DEPARTS ANDREWS AFB ENROUTE ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Flying time: 1 hour, 55 minutes
Breakfast will be served

10:00 am THE FIRST LADY ARRIVES JETPORT, VIP LOUNGE, ORLANDO, FL., BOARDS MOTORCADE AND
DEPARTS ENROUTE SEA WORLD

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE
Press Follows

10:25 am THE FIRST LADY ARRIVES SEA WORLD AND PROCEEDS TO PRIVATE ROOM FOR PERSONAL/
STAFF TIME

10:35 am THE FIRST LADY ARRIVES SEA WORLD AMPHITHEATER FOR GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE
ON AGING

FIRST LADY REMARKS

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

11:05 am THE FIRST LADY DEPARTS AMPHITHEATER ENROUTE PRIVATE ROOM FOR PERSONAL/
STAFF TIME

11:35 am PRESS COMMENTS - AMPHITHEATER

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

11:55 am THE FIRST LADY PROCEEDS TO PRIVATE ROOM FOR PERSONAL/STAFF TIME

12:15 pm THE FIRST LADY ARRIVES LUA TERRACE FOR CARTER-MONDALE FUNDRAISING
BUFFET LUNCHEON

FIRST LADY REMARKS

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

—MORE—

12:30 pm RECEIVING LINE.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

1:00 pm THE FIRST LADY DEPARTS SEA WORLD ENROUTE ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

1:30 pm THE FIRST LADY ARRIVES ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, BOARDS EXECUTIVE ONE AND DEPARTS ENROUTE CHARLESTON, S.C.

Flying time: 1 hour, 5 minutes
Lunch will be served

2:35 pm THE FIRST LADY ARRIVES CHARLESTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, COUNTY AVIATION AUTHORITY, CHARLESTON, S.C., BOARDS MOTORCADE AND DEPARTS ENROUTE SHERATON INN, 170 LOCKWOOD ST.

Press Follows

3:00 pm THE FIRST LADY ARRIVES SHERATON HOTEL AND PROCEEDS TO PRIVATE ROOM FOR PERSONAL/STAFF TIME

3:05 pm PRESS COMMENTS - CITADEL B ROOM

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

3:20 pm THE FIRST LADY PROCEEDS TO PRIVATE ROOM FOR PERSONAL/STAFF TIME

3:30 pm THE FIRST LADY ARRIVES COTILLION ROOM FOR RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF CHARLESTON.

FIRST LADY REMARKS

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

3:45 pm THE FIRST LADY DEPARTS COTILLION ROOM ENROUTE PRIVATE ROOM FOR PERSONAL/STAFF TIME

4:15 pm THE FIRST LADY DEPARTS SHEARATON INN ENROUTE CHARLESTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Press Follows

4:45 pm THE FIRST LADY ARRIVES CHARLESTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, BOARDS EXECUTIVE ONE AND DEPARTS ENROUTE ANDREWS AFB

Flying time: 1 hour, 5 minutes

5:50 pm THE FIRST LADY ARRIVES ANDREWS AFB

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Staff: Jerry Landreth
Press: Sam Myers
305/352-1100

VISIT OF MRS CARTER TO
ORLANDO, FLORIDA AND CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Friday, September 19, 1980

WEATHER: Mostly sunny.
Temp: High 90, low 75.
Precip: 10% chance of afternoon thunderstorm

7:30 am Mrs. Carter departs South Grounds en route Andrews AFB

8:05 am Mrs. Carter departs Andrews AFB en route Orlando, FL

(Flying time: 1 hour 55 minutes)
(Breakfast served on board)

10:00 am Mrs. Carter arrives Jetport, VIP Arrival Area (Plane phone or
South Tower, Orlando International Airport WHCA)
and is met by:

Greeting Committee*

CLOSED ARRIVAL/OPEN PRESS COVERAGE ✓

and proceeds to motorcade for boarding

Limo: Mrs. Carter
Gov. Bob Graham
Mrs. Adele Graham

10:05 am Motorcade departs airport en route Sea World Amphitheater

(Drive time: 20 minutes)

10:25 am Mrs. Carter arrives Sea World for (305/351-3600, ext.348)
Governor's Conference on Aging, Senior Citizens' Rally

and proceeds to Holding Room-Green Room

10:30 am Mrs. Carter and party depart Holding Room en route Amphitheater

10:35 am Mrs. Carter and party arrive Amphitheater, (305/351-3600, x348)
pause for announcement, and proceed to stage for seating

Introduction of Gov. Graham
Introduction of MRS. CARTER

Margaret Lynn Duggar
Gov. Graham

MRS. CARTER REMARKS

Note: Following remarks, Mrs. Carter returns to her seat.

Remarks
Closing Remarks
"God Bless America"

Gov. Graham
Margaret Lynn Duggar
Audience

Note: Interpreter on stage.
Guests are seated.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE ✓

11:05 am

Mrs. Carter departs stage en route Green Room A for taped Radio Interview X

Note: Gov. Graham has other engagements and departs at this time. Mrs. Graham will accompany us on remainder of trip.

11:10 am

Mrs. Carter arrives Green Room A for a 10-minute, taped, Radio Interview with Joe Brown, Florida Network News

Note: Five minutes are built in for movement.

11:25 am

Mrs. Carter proceeds to Green Room B for a 10-minute, one-on-one Interview with Greg Miller, COCOA TODAY, Daily newspaper X

11:35 am

Mrs. Carter departs Green Room B en route Amphitheater for

PRESS COMMENTS ✓

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

11:55 am

Mrs. Carter departs Amphitheater en route Green Room for Holding time

12:10 pm

Mrs. Carter departs Green Room en route sidewalk area to board golf cart

12:12 pm

Mrs. Carter boards golf cart and proceeds to Luau Terrace Room

12:15 pm

Mrs. Carter arrives Luau Terrace Room for (305/351-3600,x 439) C/M Buffet Luncheon, pauses for announcement by Dick Swann, and proceeds to podium

Note: Luau Band will play.

Welcoming Remarks & Introduction of "Chad" the trained Seal	George Becker
Presentation of Basket of Flowers	"Chad"
Introduction of MRS. CARTER	Bill Fredrick
MRS. CARTER	REMARKS

Note: Guests are standing.

12:30 pm

Mrs. Carter greets guests in RECEIVING LINE

Mrs. Graham/MRS. CARTER

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE ✓

Note: 12:53 pm Closing Remarks by
Richard Swann.

12:55 pm

Mrs. Carter departs Luau Terrace Room en route motorcade

Limo: Mrs. Carter
M. Hoyt
Donna Blanton,
Sentinel Star X

Gov.'s. Limo: Mrs. Graham

1:00 pm

Motorcade departs Sea World en route Orlando International
Airport

(Drive time: 20 minutes)

1:20 pm

Mrs. Carter arrives airport and boards aircraft

1:30 pm

Mrs. Carter departs Orlando, FL en route Charleston, SC

(Flying time: 1 hour 5 minutes)
(Lunch served on board)

WEATHER: Charleston
Partly cloudy. Temp: High 88, low 70.
Precip: 10-15% chance of rain.

2:35 pm

Mrs. Carter arrives Charleston Municipal Airport (803/554-6204)
Charleston, SC at Charleston Co. Aviation Auth. and is met by:

Greeting Committee*

CLOSED ARRIVAL/OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

and proceeds to motorcade for boarding ✓

Limo: Mrs. Carter
Tunky Riley
Peatsy Hollings

VIP I: Mayor Joe Riley

2:40 pm

Motorcade departs airport en route Sheraton Inn, 170 Lockwood
Street

(Drive time: 20 minutes)

3:00 pm

Mrs. Carter arrives Sheraton Inn and is (803/723-3000)
met by:

Mike Bloomer, Hotel General Manager
Mollie Ravenel, President, Democratic Women's Club
Elizabeth Alston, Vice President, Dem. Women's Club

and proceeds to Citadel A for holding (803/723-3000 x 1554)

3:05 pm

Mrs. Carter departs Citadel A and proceeds to Citadel B for

PRESS COMMENTS/OPEN PRESS COVERAGE ✓

3:20 pm

Mrs. Carter departs Citadel B en route Citadel A for holding

3:25 pm

Mrs. Carter departs Citadel A en route Cotillion Room for the
Reception hosted by the Democratic Women's Club and takes seat

Announcement & Introduction of
Platform Guests*
Introduction of Mollie Ravenel
Remarks & Introduction of
MRS. CARTER

Elizabeth Alston
Tunky Riley
Mollie Ravenel

MRS. CARTER REMARKS

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE ✓

Note: Guests standing. Senior citizens seated.

3:40 pm Mrs. Carter departs platform area, greeting guests en route Citadel A

3:45 pm Mrs. Carter arrives Citadel A for Press Interview with Jerry Adams, Charleston News-Courier X

3:55 pm Mrs. Carter departs Citadel A en route Defense Room

4:00 pm Mrs. Carter arrives Defense Room #216 for Private Meeting with Black Community Leaders* (803/723-3000 ext. 216)

4:10 pm Mrs. Carter departs Defense Room en route motorcade

Limo: Mrs. Carter
Rabbi Alan Cohen*
Jerry Kaynard,
Charleston Co. Dem.
Chair

4:15 pm Motorcade departs Sheraton Inn en route Charleston Municipal Airport

(Drive time: 20 minutes)

4:35 pm Mrs. Carter arrives airport and boards aircraft

4:45 pm Mrs. Carter departs Charleston, SC en route Andrews AFB

(Flying time: 1 hour 5 minutes)

5:50 pm Mrs. Carter arrives Andrews AFB and departs en route ~~Spruce Creek, PA~~

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

FROM BARBIE BLOCK

DATE: 17 Sept. 1980

RE: CHARLESTON, SC

At the strong recommendation of Jim Quackenbush, SC State Coordinator, 15 minutes is being added to the Charleston schedule for Mrs. Carter to meet with the following:

Herbert Fielding - Charleston County
Lila Session - Berkeley County
Jim Mitchell - Colleton County
Juanita White - Jasper County
Louis Doar - Buford County
_____ -Dorchester County
_____ -Hampton County

These are Black leaders in the Charleston area who have requested a few minutes privately with Mrs. Carter to discuss the concerns of the Black community in Charleston. Jim Quackenbush has indicated that this should be a visit type of meeting, without prepared remarks, etc.

Jim Quackenbush may be reached at 803/799-9222.

Jim Free concurs with this addition, as the President did not have a Black event in SC yesterday.

Office of the First Lady's Press Secretary

Governor's Conference on Aging - Orlando, Florida

Mrs. Carter's Remarks

Thank you. I am delighted to be here with you this morning, and I bring you greetings from the President of the United States. Jimmy Carter cares about each of you, and he is working every day in Washington with your concerns in mind.

He asked me to tell you that earlier this week he invited two of our nation's most outstanding advocates for the elderly to serve as Honorary Co-chairs of the White House Conference on Aging. Their influence on public policy related to aging is felt every day on Capitol Hill and at the White House.

The President is very pleased that Lawton Chiles and Claude Pepper have accepted his invitation. Under their leadership and that of the Chairperson, Dr. Sadie Alexander, and Executive Director Jerry Waldie, he is certain that the White House Conference will be the most successful aging event of the decade!

This day marks the beginning of a nationwide effort to prepare for the White House Conference. In the weeks and months ahead, people like you will gather in every state and territory to help shape a comprehensive national policy on aging.

It is so appropriate that the first of these conferences be held in Florida. You have the highest proportion of older citizens in the nation.

You represent one of American's great success stories -- our people are living longer, healthier lives than ever before. You have shown that we must reject any suggestion that if you're old, you are outdated, slow, and unemployable. You are proof that old age can be a time of security and opportunity and confidence in the future.

And yet, the sad truth is that for too many Americans the supposedly "golden years" are a time of despair and depression, poverty, loneliness and isolation. The challenge that we as a society face is to create a national policy on aging that focuses on helping all our elderly maintain their economic, physical and social independence.

I am very proud of the steps that Jimmy Carter has taken toward achieving that goal. His commitment -- and mine -- is a simple one: that after a lifetime of hard work and sacrifice, everyone in America should have the chance to live in dignity. No one should go without health care, the right nutrition, adequate housing, or the simple assurance that this country appreciates your contributions and cares about your well being.

During the past three years, Jimmy Carter has greatly expanded Federal aid to the elderly. The President has increased support for housing, nutrition and social service programs for the elderly. He has worked for better home health alternatives to nursing homes; fought to control hospital costs; and proposed a national health plan that will insure every older American in the case of catastrophic illness. Our opponent, you know, has opposed even Medicare!

The President has also provided financial assistance for those who are burdened by excessive heating and utility bills; eliminated mandatory retirement in the Federal government; raised the mandatory retirement age to 70 in the private sector; and expanded opportunities for older people to become involved in volunteer programs like Foster Grandparents.

And most importantly, he has saved the Social Security system from bankruptcy and put it back on a solid foundation. On August 4, 1980, Social Security was 45 years old. It began as a simple program to provide old-age benefits for a limited number of workers. Even before the first benefit checks were delivered five years later, Congress added survivor benefits. Over the last four and a half decades, it has continued to change and to improve to meet the needs of our changing society.

But one fact remains constant. Since the first check was mailed to Mrs. Ada Flore on February 3, 1940, benefits have been paid -- on time -- every month for the past 40 years. And Jimmy Carter is determined to keep it that way! He wants you to know that Social Security will meet the needs of the American people not only today but also forty years from now. Social Security is simply too important to be made voluntary, as our opponent has repeatedly proposed!

The President also wants you to know that despite recent reports to the contrary, he is firmly committed to protecting Social Security benefits against inflation and has no intention of reducing the current formula for cost-of-living adjustments.

Your conference and the national White House Conference on Aging will have a key role in developing public policy for older persons in the future. And there are two starkly-different visions of the future being discussed during this critical election year campaign. For example, I know you would not support vetoes on property tax relief for senior citizens or nursing home reform legislation! I know you would not support increasing the charges for doctor visits or prescription drugs that older people have to pay. Yet these were the policies of our opponent when he was Governor.

I am very proud that Jimmy Carter is a man of compassion -- who believes that government's most basic obligations are to the elderly, the poor, the disadvantaged and the afflicted ... and that government must insure for everyone the opportunity for a decent life.

I am also very proud that Jimmy Carter is a man of courage, who in the last three and a half years has tackled tough, long-ignored, politically-risky problems -- problems that have threatened the very future of our country.

We now have in place -- after three years of struggle -- a comprehensive energy program. It will be the biggest enterprise ever undertaken in peace-time America -- larger than the total space program, the interstate highway program and the Marshall Plan combined.

A crucial part of that program is the Windfall Profits Tax -- and that tax is helping you pay your sky-rocketing fuel and utility bills.

The President's program is going to free us from our dependence on foreign oil. It will create millions of new jobs and it will keep American dollars in America working for you!

We have learned that there are no simple solutions to serious problems that have built up over the years. But now that we have finally laid a good energy foundation, we can revitalize the entire economy of our nation.

And the President has plans to do just that. He has proposed a creative program to revitalize our economy by helping us produce more, export more, invent more, employ more. It will help the Government, the private sector and the public work together to keep our economy on track. It will help those people and communities in trouble. It will help you. For a strong economy is the only way to guarantee opportunity and security for all Americans -- young and old alike.

A strong economy is the only way to keep inflation down, and I don't need to tell you that inflation hurts the elderly and the poor worst of all. And a strong economy is the only way to ensure a better and a brighter future for our children and our grandchildren and our great-grandchildren. For any nation's economy, the severe problems come in times of great change. For our nation, this is one of those times.

But I don't need to remind you -- who have seen our country through so many changes and crises -- through two World Wars and the Great Depression, through the Vietnam War and Watergate -- that while we have not fully realized our dreams, we have come through our struggles a stronger and a better nation. And that we now have the most productive work force on earth -- the highest standard of living in the world -- the strongest industrial base in history. And I believe we can look to the future with hope and with the prospect of a better life for all Americans.

In closing, I want to share with you my own vision of what that future will be like for older Americans. I would like to see the day when all who approach their later years are awarded the freedom, respect and dignity to continue to grow in mind and spirit. I would like to see our nation fully recognize the wisdom and experience that a full life represents. I would like for American to be a shining example of a just, caring society that recognizes the value of every individual -- of every age.

This is my vision and my husband's vision of the future. And he and I care about each and every one of you and are working every day in Washington with your needs and concerns in mind.

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DATE OF TRIP: 9/18/80

TRIP: Orlando, Fl. & Charleston, S.C.

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1.	Ayres, Drummond	NY Times	WH pass	AND-AND
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First Lady's Press Office - Press Advance Personnel

Press Advance: SAM MYERS

Date Leaving: September 14, 1980 Date Returning: September 19, 1980

City: Orlando, Florida

Sea World Operator - 305-352-1100

Hotel: Sherraton Twin Towers, 305/351-1000 ~~\$690~~

Salary \$100.00

Need: Travel Request - Ticket _____

Car Yes

Money: Hotel _____

Per Diem _____

Sound _____

Mult Box # _____

Radio # _____

Green biography _____ Official pix _____

Travel information: _____

Press Advance Desk: Costello/Wanda Lewis

per diem \$ 90
500
Salary \$590.

6 days \$600
5 days

First Lady's Press Office - Press Advance Personnel

Press Advance: Margaret Jones

Date Leaving: September 15, 1980 Date Returning: September 19, 1980

City: Charleston, South Carolina - C/M-803-766-8349

Hotel: same as Greene Holiday Inn, 803/722-3391

Salary \$60

Need: Travel Request - Ticket Decatur, Ga.-Charleston, S. C.-Open Return

Car Yes

Money: Hotel

Per Diem

Sound

Mult Box #

Radio #

Green biography Official pix

Travel information:

Press Advance Desk: Costello/Wanda Lewis

per diem

\$ 75

5 days

300

5 days

\$375

salary

Orlando, Florida Interviews

Sea World Holding Room: two 10 minute interviews

1. Joe Brown Florida Network News

Taped radio interview with Brown. Fl. Network News is a statewide radio service which feeds to 70 stations in every media market in Fl. They have been helpful to the C/M Fl. Campaign. Brown interviewed RSC in 1976 during the campaign in Ocala, Fl.

2. Greg Miller Cocoa Today Cocoa Beach, Fl. Political/feature writer

a.m. daily paper of Brevard County, owned by Gannett Newspapers. Brevard County is the home of the Kennedy Space Center and has a large senior citizen and Jewish population. The paper hits over 70,000 registered Democratic voters. Brevard County is the 8th largest county in Florida.

Limo - Sea World to Orlando Airport: 20 minutes

Donna Blanton Orlando Sentinel Star Political/feature writer
circulation: 200,000

Major daily a.m. paper in area and is owned by the Chgo. Tribune Company. Editorially the paper has been extremely negative to the Carter Administration but the reporting has been very fair.

Blanton is a local government and political reporter for the Star.

Charleston, S.C. Interview

Sheraton Hotel holding room: 10 minutes

Jerry Adams Charleston News and Courier Political feature

a.m. daily paper with circulation of over 67,000. The News and Courier is the third largest daily in the state and has given the campaign very favorable coverage to date.

Adams covers local politics and does very little on the national level beyond state congressional races. His reporting is fairly straightforward with little interpretation -- the C/M campaign describes this interview as his "big break".

David Thomas, the State Press Secretary recommended this interview.

DATE: September 10, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE WHITE HOUSE MILITARY OFFICE

The following individuals were
manifested aboard the following
aircraft: C-9

TRIP ITINERARY

Date(s) of trip:
September 19, 1980

STATUS

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Andrews AFB to Orlando, FL
Orlando, FL to Charleston, SC
Charleston, SC to Andrews AFB

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Ayres, Drummond	N.Y. Times			x	x	x					
McGeary, Johanna	Time Magazine			x	x	x					
Norland, Dean	ABC-TV			x	x	x					

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SEPTEMBER 15, 1980

Office of the First Lady's Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

First Lady Rosalynn Carter will travel to Orlando, Florida and Charleston, South Carolina on Friday, September 19 for a series of events.

In Orlando, the First Lady will address the Governor's Conference on Aging at the Sea World Amphitheater. In Charleston, S.C., Mrs. Carter will attend a reception hosted by the Democratic Women's Club of Charleston.

The First Lady will return to the White House in the early evening.

Press desiring to travel with the First Lady must contact 456-2130 no later than 12 noon - Thursday, 9/18.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Mary:

Contact for Reception in Orlando is

Richard Swann 305-628-3939 (o)
305-644-3210 (h)

He is the only person that would have information for remarks. The group should be about 100 persons that are working on the FR for The President in Oct.

NKJ

Contact for Gov.'s Conference on Aging is Ed Wood from Gov. Graham's Office. I spoke with Kathy and she said that you and she would or have handled this call.

904-487-2360 - 305-351-1000

Also, Jay Hakes, C/M State Coord. called - he would like to talk with you about this event.

904-222-2881

Loretta

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Aug. 29, 1980

FYI

September 19th trip to Orlando, Florida to attend the Governor's Conference on Aging has been confirmed. Protocol Calls will be done today. This is a copy of the schedule from Gov. Graham's Office.

NKJ

Smith

Gov's contact: Ed Wood
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S C H E D U L E

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1980

8:00 - 9:00 am	Seating in Atlantis Theater of 5,000 Seniors
9:00 am	Master of Ceremonies.....Kirby Grant
9:00 am	Silver Cloud Group
9:30 am	Rosie O'Grady
10:00 am	Master of Ceremonies.....Margaret Lynn Duggar Navy Band
10:30 am	Governor Graham and Other Speakers <i>rally</i>
11:30 am	Navy Wrap-Up with "God Bless America"

Sea World at Discounted Price

*outdoor amphitheatre
stage in front*

working on press conference - 2/

Speakers - Governor

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September 14, 1980

Call Jim Free

TO: LINDA
RE: FLORIDA WISH LIST FOR FIRST LADY'S FLORIDA TRIP,
SEPTEMBER 19, 1980

Per Bob Liff:

1. Press Comments are already scheduled
2. 20 minutes to 15 minutes spent with Specialty Press -
Senior Citizens publications - approx. 10 people
3. 5 to 10 minutes with Florida Network News.

887-4787

Free

904-222-2881 - Liff

305-545-7446

Orlando

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Social Security - voluntary
Hospital Cost Containment - soc. sec. -
(Both Reagan &
Anderson against)

10 minutes -

latest

Florida pill

others over 65 years

36.7 % each

M-
FYI
Sent to RSC
RB

SEP 12 1980

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

9/11/80

HAL SHEPPARD

The following was returned in the
President's outbox and is forwarded
to you for appropriate handling.

Rick Hutcheson

cc: THE FIRST LADY ✓
FRANK MOORE
ARNIE MILLER

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

11 September 1980

TO: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICK HUTCHESON

Hal Sheppard, Frank Moore and Arnie Miller recommend that you sign the attached two letters appointing Congressman Claude Pepper (Chairman of the House Aging Committee) and Senator Lawton Chiles (Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee) as Honorary Co-Chairmen of the White House Conference on Aging.

Mrs. Carter will be speaking at the Florida Governor's Conference on Aging on September 19, and could read the letters at that time.

Bob Strauss concurs.

TWO SIGNATURES REQUESTED

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 11, 1980

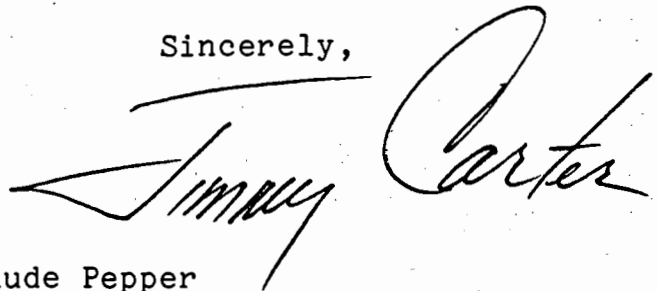
Dear Mr. Chairman:

As you know, I have called for a White House Conference on Aging to be held in December of 1981. Our goal is nothing less than the formulation of a comprehensive national policy on aging. This is particularly urgent since there will be such a dramatic increase in the number of people over 65 in our society in the coming years.

In your key role as Chairman of the House Select Committee on Aging, you have been a champion of the rights and needs of older Americans. Working closely together, we have made great progress to improve the lives of older people by enacting legislation to curb mandatory retirement, rescue the Social Security system from bankruptcy, and bolster housing programs and the social service and nutrition programs of the Older Americans Act.

Our success in implementing the recommendations of the 1981 White House Conference on Aging will depend to a large extent on the cooperation of the Congress. I know that you will spearhead efforts within the House to accomplish this objective and for this reason, I would be grateful if you would serve as Honorary Co-Chairman of the Conference. With your help, this Conference can be a landmark event in our Nation's attempt to respond to the needs and channel the talents of America's 25 million senior citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jimmy Carter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Jimmy" is written with a large, sweeping "J" and "i". The last name "Carter" is written with a large, sweeping "C" and "a". The signature is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

The Honorable Claude Pepper
Chairman
House Select Committee on Aging
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Mayor
Riley

Molly Ravenel
Septima

DRAFT REMARKS / CHARLESTON, S.C.

Glad to be here
state very special
close to home
further N of
9/19/80
had never
been
S.C. - 1 -

IT'S WONDERFUL TO BE HERE, AND I THANK THE CHARLESTON COUNTY
DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB FOR INVITING ME. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO
CONGRATULATE THE CLUB -- YOU'VE BECOME AN ACTIVE, ~~RESPECTED~~
POLITICAL FORCE. ^a ~~YOU'RE~~ A POWERFUL ALLY, AND THE PRESIDENT AND
I APPRECIATE ^{all you do on behalf of demo candidate} YOUR HELP.

Tinky - Peatsy - Gov - Sen Hollings
I enjoyed being in
State -

I ALSO WANT TO COMMEND YOUR PRESIDENT, MOLLY RAVENEL, FOR THE
WONDERFUL JOB SHE IS DOING FOR HER HUSBAND, PUG. I'VE DONE A
LITTLE CAMPAIGNING MYSELF AND I AM ALWAYS ASKED IF I THINK IT REALLY
MAKES A DIFFERENCE. MOLLY -- WELL -- I GUESS WE DO THINK IT MAKES

has the ear of Pres. in Washington

Textile Mill

Appreciate
all the
help
Sen
gives
us in
Washington

total paragraph is originally typed like leave in this

THIS HAS BEEN AN INTERESTING ELECTION YEAR. I HAD A CHANCE
LAST FALL AND IN THE SPRING TO TRAVEL AGAIN ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND
SEE MANY OLD FRIENDS. AND WE WERE SUCCESSFUL AGAIN IN THE ^{winning the} ~~PRIMARIES~~.
[~~AND FLORIDA CAME THROUGH FOR US LAST FALL AT THE STATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION~~ ^{primaries & caucuses}
~~AND GAVE US A REAL BOOST JUST AS YOU DID AT THE STATE~~
~~CONVENTION IN 1975~~] -- AND ~~THEN, YOU HELPED CARRY THE STATE FOR US~~
~~AGAIN IN THE PRIMARY.~~ ^{You helped us carry the caucuses -}

WE NEED YOUR ^{help} AGAIN -- AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT ~~FLORIDA~~ ^{S.C.} IS GOING TO
BE IN THE CARTER COLUMN AGAIN ON NOVEMBER 4.

THERE ARE MANY REASONS WHY JIMMY CARTER SHOULD BE RE-ELECTED
PRESIDENT OF OUR COUNTRY. BUT I WANTED TO TALK WITH YOU TODAY

There are many reasons why J.C. should be re-elected

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ABOUT SOME OF THE THINGS WE HAVE LEARNED IN THE PAST 4 YEARS -- AND ABOUT SOME OF THE PRESIDENT'S ASSETS, that are think are so very imp.

HE CARES ABOUT PEOPLE. A PRESIDENT MUST CARE ABOUT OUR COUNTRY AND CARE ABOUT OUR PEOPLE AND BE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR PROBLEMS -- HOPES -- DREAMS. AND JIMMY CARES.

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~~Women's Club~~

~~I've seen him against our budget decisions~~
~~& now that ^{with the Demo} ~~there's~~ ^{about} ~~unusual~~ ^{serious}~~

his
~~AND WHEN HE MAKES~~ DECISIONS AS PRESIDENT -- WHETHER THEY BE ON
ENERGY, OR ECONOMY, OR SOCIAL PROGRAMS -- ~~THEY~~ *always* HAVE BEEN TO MAKE LIFE
BETTER FOR ALL OUR PEOPLE.

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ONE OF HIS GREATEST ASSETS IS HIS MODERATION. HE HAS TO BALANCE
EXTREME DEMANDS EVERY DAY -- AND MAKE AN ULTIMATE DECISION -- AND HE
DOES -- AND OFTEN TAKES THE HEAT FROM EVERY SIDE. BUT HE KNOWS THAT

The job of a Pres to do what is right & realistic
for us. -5-

~~THE JOB OF A PRESIDENT IS TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND REALISTIC FOR US.~~

~~NOBODY~~ ~~you here knows what a hard day's work is &~~
~~the President~~ ~~works hard -- INCREIBLE ENERGY~~ ~~& some night work too~~
~~every one~~ ~~what a~~ ~~& JC puts in a hard day's work -- & some night work too~~
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MOST RARE WHEN THE DECISIONS ARE THE MOST DIFFICULT]

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Also, include this
sentence

ONLY ONE PERSON HAS ALL THE KNOWLEDGE. ONLY ONE PERSON HAS
THE RESPONSIBILITY. I KNOW FROM CLOSE PERSONAL EXPERIENCE THAT THE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY IS A VERY LONELY POSITION.

I am proud that he has
PRESIDENT OF PEACE -- KEPT OUR COUNTRY STRONG AND KEPT OUR
COUNTRY AT PEACE. AND HE HAS WORKED FOR PEACE FOR OTHERS.

HE IS WISER TODAY. HE HAS LEARNED A LOT ABOUT WHAT CAN BE
ACCOMPLISHED FOR OUR COUNTRY.

WHEN WE FIRST WENT TO WASHINGTON, WE WERE OUTSIDERS -- FULL OF
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SOMETIMES THE HARD WAY! BUT GOOD PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPED WITH
CONGRESS. EXPERIENCE PAID OFF -- SO FAR, PASSED 4 OUT OF EVERY 5
BILLS. THAT'S A GREAT RECORD.

add ending

FLORIDA, C/M LUNCHEON, ORLANDO, 6/19/80

WONDERFUL TO BE BACK IN FLORIDA AND SEE YOU ALL AGAIN
AND THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU MEAN TO JIMMY AND ME.

WE STARTED OUR CAMPAIGN IN THIS STATE 5 YEARS AGO - 1975 -
AND MANY OF YOU HERE WERE OUR EARLIEST - AND ONLY - SUPPORTERS.
YOU WORKED HARD FOR US WHEN NO ONE IN THE COUNTRY THOUGHT JIMMY
CARTER HAD THE SLIGHTEST CHANCE TO BECOME PRESIDENT -- AND YOU
HAVE CONTINUED TO SUPPORT US THROUGH SOME EXCITING TIMES AND THROUGH
SOME DIFFICULT TIMES.

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU ~~AND~~ YOU AND THIS STATE WILL ALWAYS
BE SPECIAL TO US.

Cosmo Graham
SEPTEMBER 19, 1980

ORLANDO

Sea World -

GOVERNOR CONFERENCE ON AGING

& the officials here who

RSC'S REMARKS

U done so much ^{for his} to make life employ
easier in their employment policies & their Sr. recognition Day

THANK YOU. I AM DELIGHTED TO BE HERE WITH YOU THIS

MORNING, AND I BRING YOU GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE

UNITED STATES. He knew that I was coming here

today & this morning before he left to go to the

Oval Office he came in where I was getting dressed & said
"Why don't you stay here & take care of things & let me go to
Fla to be - ONE OF HIS MOST IMPORTANT CONCERNS -- AND MINE -- IS
elderly citizens"

THE PROBLEMS OF THE ELDERLY. KNOW FIRST HAND -- MOTHERS 75/81.

ALSO LEARNED FROM CAMPAIGN -- SINCE -- WORKED.

± WH Counselor on
aged

± Sen Claude Pepper
others

Tell
them
that
I care
for them

HE ASKED ME TO TELL YOU THAT EARLIER THIS WEEK HE ^{invited} ~~asked~~ INVITED TWO OF OUR NATION'S MOST OUTSTANDING ADVOCATES FOR THE ELDERLY TO SERVE AS HONORARY CO-CHAIRS OF THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING. ^{They v great} ~~THEIR~~ INFLUENCE ON PUBLIC POLICY RELATED TO AGING ~~IS FELT EVERY DAY~~ ON CAPITOL HILL AND AT THE WHITE HOUSE. ~~it~~

^{And he} ~~THE PRESIDENT~~ IS ~~VERY~~ ^{these 2} PLEASED THAT ~~THEY~~ HAVE ACCEPTED HIS INVITATION -- SEN. LAWTON CHILES AND SEN. CLAUDE PEPPER. UNDER THEIR LEADERSHIP AND THAT OF THE CHAIRPERSON, DR. SADIE ALEXANDER, AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JERRY WALDIE, HE IS CERTAIN THAT THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ^{on Aging} WILL BE THE MOST SUCCESSFUL AGING EVENT OF THE DECADE!

~~Today~~ This Conference

~~THIS DAY~~ MARKS THE BEGINNING OF A NATIONWIDE EFFORT TO PREPARE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE. IN THE WEEKS AND MONTHS AHEAD, THERE WILL BE MEETINGS LIKE THIS IN EVERY STATE AND TERRITORY TO HELP SHAPE A COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL POLICY ON AGING. AND I'M VERY PROUD ^{playing leadership role in W.H. conf.} OF WHAT YOUR GOVERNOR IS ~~DOING~~ ALSO IN HAVING THIS CONFERENCE DEVELOP A STATE POLICY FOR AGING FOR THE '80's.

IT IS SO APPROPRIATE THAT THE FIRST OF THESE CONFERENCES BE HELD IN FLORIDA. YOU HAVE THE HIGHEST PROPORTION OF OLDER CITIZENS IN THE NATION.

The elderly citizens of our co

~~YOU~~ REPRESENT ONE OF AMERICA'S GREAT SUCCESS STORIES --

OUR PEOPLE ARE LIVING LONGER, HEALTHIER LIVES THAN EVER BEFORE.

~~YOU~~ *& you* HAVE SHOWN THAT WE MUST REJECT ANY SUGGESTION THAT IF YOU'RE ~~elderly~~ *old*, YOU ARE OUTDATED, SLOW AND UNEMPLOYABLE.

~~WE MUST ASSURE ...~~

YOU ARE PROOF THAT OLD AGE CAN BE A TIME OF ^{*opportunity*} ~~SECURITY~~ AND ^{*a full and contributing life*} ~~OPPORTUNITY~~ AND CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE.
Security ^

AND YET THE SAD TRUTH IS THAT FOR TOO MANY AMERICANS
THE SUPPOSEDLY "GOLDEN YEARS" ARE A TIME OF DESPAIR AND
DEPRESSION, POVERTY, LONELINESS AND ISOLATION.

THE CHALLENGE THAT WE AS A SOCIETY FACE IS TO CREATE
A NATIONAL POLICY ON AGING THAT FOCUSES ON HELPING ALL OUR
ELDERLY MAINTAIN THEIR ECONOMIC, PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL INDEPENDENCE.

I AM VERY PROUD OF THE STEPS THAT JIMMY CARTER HAS TAKEN
TO ACHIEVE THAT GOAL.

HIS COMMITMENT -- AND MINE -- IS A SIMPLE ONE: THAT AFTER
A LIFETIME OF HARD WORK AND SACRIFICE, EVERYONE IN AMERICA
SHOULD HAVE THE CHANCE TO LIVE IN DIGNITY. NO ONE SHOULD GO
WITHOUT HEALTH CARE, FOOD, ADEQUATE HOUSING, OR THE SIMPLE
ASSURANCE THAT THIS COUNTRY APPRECIATES ^{their} ~~YOUR~~ CONTRIBUTIONS AND
CARES ABOUT ^{their} ~~YOUR~~ WELL BEING.

the President

DURING THE PAST 3 YEARS, ~~JIMMY CARTER~~ HAS GREATLY EXPANDED
FEDERAL AID TO THE ELDERLY. ~~THE PRESIDENT~~ ^{He} HAS INCREASED SUPPORT
FOR HOUSING, NUTRITION AND SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS FOR THE

ELDERLY. HE HAS WORKED FOR BETTER HOME HEALTH ALTERNATIVES TO
NURSING HOMES; FOUGHT TO CONTROL HOSPITAL COSTS; AND PROPOSED ^{to Congress} A

NATIONAL HEALTH PLAN THAT WILL INSURE EVERY OLDER AMERICAN IN

our co. - plus mothers & babies

~~[THE CASE OF CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS]~~

OPPOSED EVEN MEDICARE!

** & thinking about Nat Health plan*
~~OUR OPPONENT, YOU KNOW, HAS~~ *we realize*

** & dr*
~~OUR OPPONENT, YOU KNOW, HAS~~

hesitated mentioning
~~OUR OPPONENT, YOU KNOW, HAS~~ *but thought today speaking to Conf.*

THE PRESIDENT HAS ~~PROVIDED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE~~ *on lying too imp*

~~WHO ARE BURDENED BY EXCESSIVE HEATING AND UTILITY BILLS;~~ *ignore* ELIMINATED

MANDATORY RETIREMENT IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT; RAISED THE

MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE TO 70 IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR; AND

EXPANDED OPPORTUNITIES FOR OLDER PEOPLE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS LIKE FOSTER GRANDPARENTS.

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, HE HAS SAVED THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM FROM BANKRUPTCY AND PUT IT BACK ON A SOLID FOUNDATION.

ON AUGUST 4, 1980, SOCIAL SECURITY WAS 45 YEARS OLD.
BIRTHDAY PARTY IN N.Y. - CONVENTION

Soc Sec
~~IT~~ BEGAN AS A SIMPLE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE OLD-AGE BENEFITS FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF WORKERS. EVEN BEFORE THE FIRST BENEFIT CHECKS WERE DELIVERED FIVE YEARS LATER, CONGRESS ADDED SURVIVOR BENEFITS. OVER THE LAST FOUR AND HALF DECADES, IT HAS CONTINUED TO CHANGE AND TO IMPROVE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR CHANGING SOCIETY.

BUT ONE FACT REMAINS CONSTANT -- SINCE THE FIRST CHECK WAS MAILED, TO MRS. ADA FLORE ON FEBRUARY 3, 1940 -- BENEFITS HAVE BEEN PAID -- ON TIME -- EVERY MONTH FOR THE PAST 40 YEARS.

AND JIMMY CARTER ~~IS DETERMINED TO KEEP IT THAT WAY!~~ *He is determined*
~~WANTS YOU TO KNOW~~ THAT SOCIAL SECURITY WILL MEET THE NEEDS OF
 THE AMERICAN PEOPLE NOT ONLY TODAY, BUT ALSO, ^{for the next} 40 YEARS ^{and more} ~~FROM NOW~~.
 SOCIAL SECURITY IS SIMPLY TOO IMPORTANT TO BE MADE VOLUNTARY,
~~AS OUR OPPONENT HAS REPEATEDLY PROPOSED!~~ ~~on several occasions~~
as we have heard discussed in this campaign.

THE PRESIDENT ALSO WANTS YOU TO KNOW ~~THAT DESPITE RECENT~~
~~REPORTS TO THE CONTRARY,~~ ^{that} HE IS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO PROTECTING

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS AGAINST INFLATION AND HAS NO INTENTION OF REDUCING THE CURRENT FORMULA FOR COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS.

YOUR CONFERENCE AND THE NATIONAL WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING WILL HAVE A KEY ROLE IN DEVELOPING PUBLIC POLICY FOR OLDER PERSONS IN THE FUTURE. AND THERE ARE TWO STARKLY-DIFFERENT VISIONS OF THE FUTURE BEING DISCUSSED DURING THIS CRITICAL ELECTION YEAR CAMPAIGN. FOR EXAMPLE, I KNOW YOU WOULD NOT SUPPORT VETOES OF PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR SENIOR CITIZENS OR NURSING HOME REFORM LEGISLATION! I KNOW YOU WOULD NOT SUPPORT INCREASING THE CHARGES FOR DOCTOR VISITS OR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS THAT OLDER PEOPLE HAVE TO PAY.

& again I mention these things - because they are on my mind

It is disturbing ^{to me} to know that

~~THE~~ THESE WERE THE POLICIES OF OUR OPPONENT WHEN HE WAS GOVERNOR.
~~He even opposed medicine.~~

I AM VERY PROUD THAT JIMMY CARTER IS A MAN OF COMPASSION -- WHO BELIEVES THAT GOVERNMENT'S MOST BASIC OBLIGATIONS ARE TO THE ELDERLY, THE POOR, THE DISADVANTAGED AND THE AFFLICTED -- AND THAT GOVERNMENT MUST INSURE FOR EVERYONE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A DECENT LIFE.

I AM ALSO VERY PROUD THAT JIMMY CARTER IS A MAN OF COURAGE, WHO IN THE LAST THREE AND A HALF YEARS HAS TACKLED TOUGH, LONG-IGNORED, POLITICALLY-RISKY PROBLEMS -- PROBLEMS THAT HAVE THREATENED THE VERY FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY.

WE NOW HAVE IN PLACE -- AFTER THREE YEARS OF STRUGGLE --
 A COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY PROGRAM. [IT WILL BE THE BIGGEST ENTERPRISE
 EVER UNDERTAKEN IN PEACE-TIME AMERICA -- LARGER THAN THE TOTAL
 SPACE PROGRAM, THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY PROGRAM AND THE MARSHALL
 PLAN COMBINED.]

A CRUCIAL PART OF THAT PROGRAM IS THE WINDFALL PROFITS
 TAX -- AND THAT TAX ^{will} ~~IS~~ ^{those elderly} ~~HELP~~ ^{who are burdened by excessive heating} ~~YOU PAY YOUR SKY-ROCKETING FUEL~~
 AND UTILITY BILLS.

It is a comprehensive program
 [THE PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM IS GOING TO FREE US FROM OUR
 DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN OIL. IT WILL CREATE MILLIONS OF NEW
 JOBS AND IT WILL KEEP AMERICAN DOLLARS IN AMERICA WORKING FOR YOU!]

*with
 or include*

~~[WE HAVE LEARNED THAT]~~ THERE ARE NO SIMPLE SOLUTIONS TO
 SERIOUS PROBLEMS THAT HAVE BUILT UP OVER THE YEARS. BUT THERE
 ARE RESPONSIBLE WAYS ^{& prudent ways} ₁ TO REVITALIZE THE ECONOMY OF OUR NATION --
 AND NOW THAT WE HAVE AN ENERGY PROGRAM IN PLACE, THE PRESIDENT
 HAS PLANS TO DO JUST THAT.

^{this plan}
~~It~~ WILL HELP YOU. ^{with} FOR ₁ A STRONG ECONOMY ^{we can} ~~IS THE ONLY WAY~~
~~TO~~ GUARANTEE OPPORTUNITY AND SECURITY FOR ALL AMERICANS -- YOUNG
 AND OLD ALIKE.

~~A STRONG ECONOMY IS THE ONLY WAY TO KEEP INFLATION DOWN,
 AND I DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU THAT INFLATION IS DEVASTATING FOR
 THE ELDERLY AND THE POOR.~~

IN CLOSING, I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU MY OWN VISION OF WHAT THAT FUTURE WILL BE LIKE FOR OLDER AMERICANS. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE DAY WHEN ALL WHO APPROACH THEIR LATER YEARS ARE AWARDED THE FREEDOM, RESPECT AND DIGNITY TO CONTINUE TO GROW IN MIND AND SPIRIT. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE OUR NATION FULLY RECOGNIZE THE WISDOM AND EXPERIENCE THAT A FULL LIFE REPRESENTS. I WOULD LIKE FOR AMERICA TO BE A SHINING EXAMPLE OF A JUST, CARING SOCIETY THAT RECOGNIZES THE VALUE OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL -- OF EVERY AGE.

in closing

~~THIS IS MY VISION AND MY HUSBAND'S VISION OF THE FUTURE.~~

And I want you to know that the Pres.

~~AND HE AND I CARE ABOUT EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU AND~~ ^{we} ₁ ARE WORKING

EVERY DAY IN WASHINGTON WITH YOUR NEEDS AND CONCERNS IN MIND.

I did not use card #13

AS DELIVERED

SEPTEMBER 19, 1980

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

RSC's REMARKS

IT'S WONDERFUL TO BE HERE, AND I THANK THE CHARLESTON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB FOR INVITING ME. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE CLUB -- YOU'VE BECOME AN ACTIVE, POLITICAL FORCE AND A POWERFUL ALLY; AND THE PRESIDENT AND I APPRECIATE ALL YOU DO FOR US AND ON BEHALF OF DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES.

JIMMY ENJOYED BEING IN YOUR STATE, AND HE APPRECIATES ALL THE HELP SEN. HOLLINGS GIVES US IN WASHINGTON.

THIS HAS BEEN AN INTERESTING ELECTION YEAR. I HAD A CHANCE LAST FALL AND IN THE SPRING TO TRAVEL AGAIN ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND SEE MANY OLD FRIENDS. AND WE WERE SUCCESSFUL AGAIN IN THE PRIMARIES AND CAUCUSES. AND FLORIDA CAME THROUGH FOR US LAST FALL AT THE STATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION AND GAVE US A REAL BOOST JUST AS YOU DID AT THE STATE CONVENTION IN 1975. AND THEN YOU HELPED CARRY THE STATE FOR US AGAIN IN THE PRIMARY.

WE NEED YOUR HELP AGAIN, AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT SOUTH CAROLINA IS GOING TO BE IN THE CARTER COLUMN AGAIN ON NOVEMBER 4.

THERE ARE MANY REASONS WHY JIMMY CARTER SHOULD BE RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF OUR COUNTRY. BUT I WANTED TO TALK WITH YOU TODAY ABOUT SOME OF THE THINGS WE HAVE LEARNED IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS -- AND ABOUT SOME OF THE PRESIDENT'S ASSETS THAT I THINK ARE SO VERY IMPORTANT.

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EVERYONE HERE KNOWS WHAT A HARD DAY'S WORK IS, AND JIMMY CARTER PUTS IN A HARD DAY'S WORK AND SOME NIGHT WORK, TOO.

AND HE IS SMART. HE HAS THE ABILITY TO GRASP DIFFICULT PROBLEMS -- CRITICAL IN THE OVAL OFFICE. SO MANY SERIOUS PROBLEMS COME TO A PRESIDENT, AND EVENTS ARE UNPREDICTABLE, AND OFTEN DECISIONS HAVE TO BE MADE WITHOUT DELAY. BUT EVEN WHEN DECISIONS ARE MADE WITH MUCH STUDY AND SUFFICIENT, I HAVE NOTICED THAT UNANIMITY AMONG ADVISORS IS MOST RARE WHEN THE DECISIONS ARE THE MOST DIFFICULT.

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HE IS WISER TODAY. HE HAS LEARNED A LOT ABOUT WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED FOR OUR COUNTRY.

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NOT GOING TO TALK ABOUT ACCOMPLISHMENTS, BUT DO WANT TO MENTION ENERGY PROGRAM, BECAUSE I DON'T THINK PEOPLE REALIZE WHAT JIMMY HAS BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH.

WE NOW HAVE IN PLACE -- AFTER 3 YEARS OF STRUGGLE -- ENERGY POLICY. IT WILL BE THE BIGGEST ENTERPRISE EVER UNDERTAKEN IN PEACETIME AMERICA. LARGER THAN THE TOTAL SPACE PROGRAM -- INTERSTATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM -- MARSHALL PLAN COMBINED. AND IT'S GOING TO FREE US FROM DEPENDENCE ON OPEC OIL AND CREATE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF JOBS.

ONE LAST WORD ABOUT THE PRESIDENCY. IT IS A VERY DEMANDING POSITION. THERE ARE MANY DIFFICULT DAILY CONCERNS THAT WEIGH ON THE MIND OF A PRESIDENT -- AND MY HUSBAND MUST CONSTANTLY ASSESS HIS ACTIONS WITH AN AWARENESS OF THE FUTURE.

WHAT EFFECT WILL THE DECISIONS MADE TODAY HAVE ON THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY, OUR WORLD, ON THE LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN AND OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN?

WHAT WILL THE WORLD LOOK LIKE IN THE YEAR 2000?

WILL WE BE STRONG AND SECURE -- AND WILL WE HAVE A JUST SOCIETY HERE AT HOME?

WILL WE HAVE A WORLD AT PEACE?

THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT ELECTION YEAR. THE CHOICE WE MAKE ON ELECTION DAY CAN DETERMINE THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY FOR YEARS TO COME.

THERE IS NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT IF WE CONTINUE TO WORK IN A PRUDENT AND RESPONSIBLE WAY -- WITH LEADERSHIP -- AND WITH AMERICAN INGENUITY AND AMERICAN DEDICATION -- WE CAN SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS AND HAVE THAT FUTURE WE ALL DREAM ABOUT.

WE NEED YOUR CONTINUING HELP TO ASSURE THAT THE RIGHT CHOICE IS MADE ON ELECTION DAY -- AND JIMMY CARTER IS RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

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GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON AGING

RSC's REMARKS

THANK YOU. I AM DELIGHTED TO BE HERE WITH YOU THIS MORNING, AND I BRING YOU GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

HE KNEW THAT I WAS COMING HERE TODAY, AND THIS MORNING BEFORE HE LEFT TO GO TO THE OVAL OFFICE, HE CAME IN WHERE I WAS GETTING DRESSED AND SAID "WHY DON'T YOU STAY HERE AND TAKE CARE OF THINGS AND LET ME GO TO FLORIDA TO BE WITH ELDERLY CITIZENS?" "TELL THEM THAT I CARE FOR THEM."

ONE OF HIS MOST IMPORTANT CONCERNS -- AND MINE -- IS THE PROBLEMS OF THE ELDERLY. WE KNOW FIRST HAND -- MOTHERS 75/81. ALSO LEARNED FROM CAMPAIGN. HAVE WORKED SINCE WITH THE WHITE HOUSE COUNSELOR ON AGED AND WITH SEN. CLAUDE PEPPER AND OTHERS.

THE PRESIDENT ASKED ME TO TELL YOU THAT EARLIER THIS WEEK HE INVITED TWO OF OUR NATION'S MOST OUTSTANDING ADVOCATES FOR THE ELDERLY TO SERVE AS HONORARY CO-CHAIRS OF THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING. THEY HAVE GREAT INFLUENCE ON PUBLIC POLICY RELATED TO AGING ON CAPITOL HILL AND AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

AND HE IS PLEASED THAT THESE TWO HAVE ACCEPTED HIS INVITATION -- SEN. LAWTON CHILES AND SEN. CLAUDE PEPPER. UNDER THEIR LEADERSHIP AND THAT OF THE CHAIRPERSON, DR. SADIE ALEXANDER, AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JERRY WALDIE, HE IS CERTAIN THAT THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE WILL BE THE MOST SUCCESSFUL AGING EVENT OF THE DECADE!

THIS CONFERENCE MARKS THE BEGINNING OF A NATIONWIDE EFFORT TO PREPARE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE. IN THE WEEKS AND MONTHS AHEAD, THERE WILL BE MEETINGS LIKE THIS IN EVERY STATE AND TERRITORY TO HELP SHAPE A COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL POLICY ON AGING. AND I'M VERY PROUD, PLAYING A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE, OF WHAT YOUR GOVERNOR IS DOING IN HAVING THIS CONFERENCE DEVELOP A STATE POLICY FOR AGING FOR THE '80'S.

IT IS SO APPROPRIATE THAT THE FIRST OF THESE CONFERENCES BE HELD IN FLORIDA. YOU HAVE THE HIGHEST PROPORTION OF OLDER CITIZENS IN THE NATION.

THE ELDERLY CITIZENS OF OUR COUNTRY REPRESENT ONE OF AMERICA'S GREAT SUCCESS STORIES -- OUR PEOPLE ARE LIVING LONGER, HEALTHIER LIVES THAN EVER BEFORE. AND YOU HAVE SHOWN THAT WE MUST REJECT ANY SUGGESTION THAT IF YOU'RE ELDERLY, YOU ARE OUTDATED, SLOW AND UNEMPLOYABLE.

YOU ARE PROOF THAT OLD AGE CAN BE A TIME OF OPPORTUNITY AND SECURITY FOR A FULL AND CONTRIBUTING LIFE WITH CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE.

AND YET THE SAD TRUTH IS THAT FOR TOO MANY AMERICANS THE SUPPOSEDLY "GOLDEN YEARS" ARE A TIME OF DESPAIR AND DEPRESSION, POVERTY, LONELINESS AND ISOLATION.

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HIS COMMITMENT -- AND MINE -- IS A SIMPLE ONE: THAT AFTER A LIFETIME OF HARD WORK AND SACRIFICE, EVERYONE IN AMERICA SHOULD HAVE THE CHANCE TO LIVE IN DIGNITY. NO ONE SHOULD GO WITHOUT HEALTH CARE, FOOD ADEQUATE HOUSING, OR THE SIMPLE ASSURANCE THAT THIS COUNTRY APPRECIATES THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND CARES ABOUT THEIR WELL BEING.

DURING THE PAST THREE YEARS, THE PRESIDENT HAS GREATLY EXPANDED FEDERAL AID TO THE ELDERLY. HE HAS INCREASED SUPPORT FOR HOUSING, NUTRITION AND SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS FOR THE ELDERLY. HE HAS WORKED FOR BETTER HOME HEALTH ALTERNATIVES TO NURSING HOMES; FOUGHT TO CONTROL HOSPITAL COSTS; AND PROPOSED TO CONGRESS A NATIONAL HEALTH PLAN THAT WILL INSURE EVERY OLDER AMERICAN IN OUR COUNTRY -- PLUS MOTHERS AND BABIES.

AND THINKING ABOUT NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE WE REALIZE OUR OPPONENT, YOU KNOW, HAS OPPOSED EVEN MEDICARE! AND I HAVE HESITATED MENTIONING OPPONENTS' POSITIONS BUT THOUGHT TODAY, SPEAKING TO THE CONFERENCE ON AGING, IT IS TOO IMPORTANT TO IGNORE.

THE PRESIDENT HAS ELIMINATED MANDATORY RETIREMENT IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT; RAISED THE MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE TO 70 IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR; AND EXPANDED OPPORTUNITIES FOR OLDER PEOPLE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS LIKE FOSTER GRANDPARENTS.

AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, HE HAS SAVED THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM FROM BANKRUPTCY AND PUT IT BACK ON A SOLID FOUNDATION.

ON AUGUST 4, 1980, SOCIAL SECURITY WAS 45 YEARS OLD. BIRTHDAY PARTY IN N.Y. - CONVENTION.

SOCIAL SECURITY BEGAN AS A SIMPLE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE OLD-AGE BENEFITS FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF WORKERS. EVEN BEFORE THE FIRST BENEFIT CHECKS WERE DELIVERED FIVE YEARS LATER, CONGRESS ADDED SURVIVOR BENEFITS. OVER THE LAST FOUR AND A HALF DECADES, IT HAS CONTINUED TO CHANGE AND TO IMPROVE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR CHANGING SOCIETY.

BUT ONE FACT REMAINS CONSTANT -- SINCE THE FIRST CHECK WAS MAILED TO MRS. ADA FLORE ON FEBRUARY 3, 1940 -- BENEFITS HAVE BEEN PAID, ON TIME, EVERY MONTH FOR THE PAST 40 YEARS.

AND JIMMY CARTER IS DETERMINED THAT SOCIAL SECURITY WILL MEET THE NEEDS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE NOT ONLY TODAY BUT ALSO FOR THE NEXT 40 YEARS -- AND MORE. SOCIAL SECURITY IS SIMPLY TOO IMPORTANT TO BE MADE VOLUNTARY, AS WE HAVE HEARD DISCUSSED IN THIS CAMPAIGN.

THE PRESIDENT ALSO WANTS YOU TO KNOW THAT HE IS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO PROTECTING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS AGAINST INFLATION AND HAS NO INTENTION OF REDUCING THE CURRENT FORMULA FOR COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS.

YOUR CONFERENCE AND THE NATIONAL WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING WILL HAVE A KEY ROLE IN DEVELOPING PUBLIC POLICY FOR OLDER PERSONS IN THE FUTURE. AND THERE ARE TWO STARKLY-DIFFERENT VISIONS OF THE FUTURE BEING DISCUSSED DURING THIS CRITICAL ELECTION YEAR CAMPAIGN. FOR EXAMPLE, I KNOW YOU WOULD NOT SUPPORT VETOES OF

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR SENIOR CITIZENS OR NURSING HOME REFORM LEGISLATION! I KNOW YOU WOULD NOT SUPPORT INCREASING THE CHARGES FOR DOCTOR VISITS OR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS THAT OLDER PEOPLE HAVE TO PAY. AND AGAIN I MENTION THESE THINGS BECAUSE THEY ARE ON MY MIND.

IT IS DISTURBING TO ME TO KNOW THAT THESE WERE THE POLICIES OF OUR OPPONENT WHEN HE WAS GOVERNOR.

I AM VERY PROUD THAT JIMMY CARTER IS A MAN OF COMPASSION -- WHO BELIEVES THAT GOVERNMENT'S MOST BASIC OBLIGATIONS ARE TO THE ELDERLY, THE POOR, THE DISADVANTAGED AND THE AFFLICTED -- AND THAT GOVERNMENT MUST INSURE FOR EVERYONE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A DECENT LIFE.

I AM ALSO VERY PROUD THAT JIMMY CARTER IS A MAN OF COURAGE, WHO IN THE LAST THREE AND A HALF YEARS HAS TACKLED TOUGH, LONG-IGNORED, POLITICALLY-RISKY PROBLEMS -- PROBLEMS THAT HAVE THREATENED THE VERY FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY.

WE NOW HAVE IN PLACE -- AFTER THREE YEARS OF STRUGGLE -- AN ENERGY PROGRAM. A CRUCIAL PART OF THAT PROGRAM IS THE WINDFALL PROFITS TAX -- AND THAT TAX WILL HELP THOSE ELDERLY WHO ARE BURDENED BY EXCESSIVE HEATING AND UTILITY BILLS. IT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM.

THE PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM IS GOING TO FREE US FROM OUR DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN OIL. IT WILL CREATE MILLIONS OF NEW JOBS AND IT WILL KEEP AMERICAN DOLLARS IN AMERICA WORKING FOR YOU!

THERE ARE NO SIMPLE SOLUTIONS TO SERIOUS PROBLEMS THAT HAVE BUILT UP OVER THE YEARS. BUT THERE ARE RESPONSIBLE WAYS AND PRUDENT WAYS TO REVITALIZE THE ECONOMY OF OUR NATION. AND NOW THAT WE HAVE AN ENERGY PROGRAM IN PLACE, THE PRESIDENT HAS PLANS TO DO JUST THAT.

THIS PLAN WILL HELP YOU. FOR WITH A STRONG ECONOMY WE CAN GUARANTEE OPPORTUNITY AND SECURITY FOR ALL AMERICANS -- YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE.

IN CLOSING, I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU MY OWN VISION OF WHAT THAT FUTURE WILL BE LIKE FOR OLDER AMERICANS. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE DAY WHEN ALL WHO APPROACH THEIR LATER YEARS ARE AWARDED THE FREEDOM, RESPECT AND DIGNITY TO CONTINUE TO GROW IN MIND AND SPIRIT. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE OUR NATION FULLY RECOGNIZE THE WISDOM AND EXPERIENCE THAT A FULL LIFE REPRESENTS. I WOULD LIKE FOR AMERICA TO BE A SHINING EXAMPLE OF A JUST, CARING SOCIETY THAT RECOGNIZES THE VALUE OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL -- OF EVERY AGE.

AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE PRESIDENT AND I CARE ABOUT YOU AND WE ARE WORKING EVERY DAY IN WASHINGTON WITH YOUR NEEDS AND CONCERNS IN MIND.