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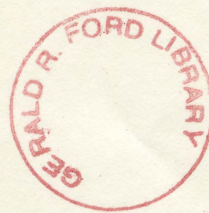
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The President
The White House
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Mr. President:

News reports state, among other things, that you will seek a surtax on persons with higher incomes and corporations in order to offset tax relief for the poor.

Think again, Mr. President. I'm not against the poor and neither are most other people. But you are heading right down the path of Socialism. We've already had too much of that. "We shall take from the haves, and give to the havenots." LBJ said that. In other words, Karl Marx and other Socialists have said it. Apparently you are planning on doing it.

What you plan is not consistent with your statement that burdens "will be distributed equally -- so that everybody bears their just share."

The above and other Socialistic plans, doubtless fostered by Democrat members of Congress as well as the effete members of the "eastern establishment" with whom you are being surrounded, are about to turn off millions of good, solid Americans who are more concerned with their country and their future than the number of votes you can "buy" with "dollar" solutions.

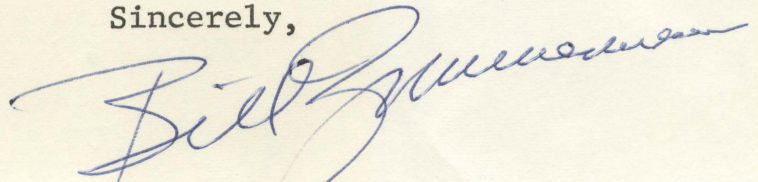
I have been a Republican for forty-five years. Whether I remain so will be determined by what you do in the next three weeks. If it appears that you have been captured by the gutless wonders of Washington and the northeastern states, I and millions of

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people like me, will go to work on a complete change in the alignment of our political parties. Forty years of inflationary Democrat-Socialism is too much; and a Republican party that cannot change it is not enough.

Sincerely,



Wm. A. Zimmermann

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'High incomes' target of anti-inflation levy

From Tribune Wire Services

WASHINGTON — President Ford's anti-inflation message Tuesday will seek a surtax of about 5 per cent on persons with high incomes and corporations as part of a program calling for "restraint, self-discipline, and sacrifice," White House sources indicated Sunday.

The tax revision, the sources said, would be used to offset relief in taxation of the poor.

Specific figures on what constitutes a "high income" were not given.

Ford spent 75 minutes with his key economic advisers Sunday afternoon making final choices on economic and energy conservation programs that will be announced to a joint session of congress and a nationwide TV audience Tuesday afternoon.

IT WAS understood Ford's proposals would stress measures to increase production

and conserve supplies of food and energy, the two major sources of the rampant inflation now running at an annual rate of about 12 per cent.

There also will be programs dealing with the depressed housing industry, unemployment, record high interest rates, and the credit squeeze on banks and businesses, sources said.

"Almost all major decisions have been made," Ford's press secretary Ron Nessen told reporters after the final strategy session in the cabinet room.

THE PRESS aide said Ford would ask Americans "to exhibit restraint, self-discipline and sacrifice and I want to emphasize that the government itself is not exempt from any of these three."

Nessen stressed that the burdens the President will ask the nation to shoulder "will be distributed equally . . . so that

everybody bears their just share."

The proposals should not be seen as a "shopping list" from which Congress can adopt the items it finds most palatable, Nessen said.

Rather, he said, Congress and the public must adopt and carry thru the entire package if it is to meet Ford's previously stated goal of bringing inflation "under control" by July 4, 1976, the nation's 200th birthday.

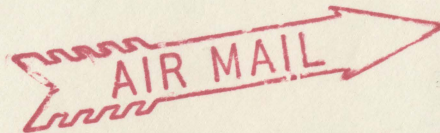
THE ANTI - inflation statement, in part, is an outgrowth of a month of conferences that ended in last weekend's two-day summit meeting here.

More than 1,000 suggestions from those discussions were distilled to about a dozen proposals in a marathon feat of policy-making that left some government officials short on sleep but brought congratulations from the head man.

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