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For delivery:
Wed. 10/1
Niagara Falls, NY

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Nuclear waste bill signing

[salutations]

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I am honored to be here in Niagara Falls today to sign a very important bill into law -- the West Valley Demonstration Project Act [S. 2443]. This measure -- sponsored by Senator Moynihan and Congressman Lundine and supported by Governor Carey -- is an example of the forward-looking responses we are developing to the problem of nuclear waste disposal.

I supported this bill because it is a vital part of my nuclear waste management policy. We have been intensively pursuing modern techniques of dealing with the large backlog of high-level nuclear wastes around the country. These techniques involve locking the liquid wastes into virtually indestructible solid masses. This new Act provides for a

production-scale demonstration of high-level waste solidification technology.

In addition, it provides for environmental and safety reviews, and creates a mechanism for independent review by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission of how the Department of Energy plans to carry out the project. Our hope is that this project will make a major contribution to resolving the problem of high-level waste disposal -- in a way that protects the environment and safeguards the health and safety of the public.

I must say very strongly how deeply I wish that government had shown this much foresight in dealing with the disposal of other hazardous wastes, such as the toxic chemicals that have been such a serious problem in this area and have caused so much suffering and anxiety to so many of our fellow citizens. That is why I hope that you will join me in urging the Congress

later this year
to ~~move~~ ^{swiftly} to enact the pending Superfund legislation
that would provide ^{an adequate insurance program} ~~more than \$1 billion~~ to clean up dangerous
~~abandoned~~ hazardous-waste dumpsites, *and to prevent the*
creation of new ones.

I want to remind everyone that this West Valley legislation
would never have been enacted without the strong and unwavering
support of of Senator Moynihan and Congressman Lundine.

These men are responsible, determined legislators. They

deserve great credit for their dedication to what ~~is too~~ ^{has} often ~~been~~

written off as ^a ~~a~~ controversial and politically thankless cause.

They believe, as I do, that the safe disposal of nuclear
waste is both a national and a state problem. And Governor
Carey has worked in close cooperation with us in developing
the formula for Federal-State cost-sharing on the West Valley
project.

It is with great pleasure that I sign this bill into law.

September 30, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Al McDonald
Rick Hertzberg

SUBJECT: Presidential Talking
Points: Signing
Ceremony for West
Valley Demonstration
Project Act

Scheduled delivery:
Wed, Oct 1, 6 p.m.
Niagara Falls, New York

Your remarks for this bill signing
are attached.

Copies have been sent to Pat Caddell
and Jerry Rafshoon. Jody will write
his comments on this original before
giving it to you.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 1, 1980

To: The President

From: Bob Dunn

Subject: Additional Information Regarding Niagara Falls Stop

1. After you have greeted a group of CSEA officials upon arrival at the Convention Center, Jerry Wurf and State President McGowan will step into the holdong room for a photo.

2. Attached is a request from the campaign for you to thank Wurf for his help and seek his assistance in the black community in Memphis.

3. Senator Javits and Congresswoman Holtzman will now attend the bill signing prior to your speech. Javits requested an invitation and Holtzman agreed it would be difficult to refuse. Holtzman and Javits will not speak as a part of the program. Both should be acknowledged. It is important that you not make any other comments about the Senator.

4. An attached note from Landon suggests that you might wish to make mention in your speech to the CSEA that you appointed McGowan yesterday to serve on the President's Committee on Mental Retardation.

5. Senator Javits and Jerry Wurf will join Senator Moynihan and several Members from New York as passengers on Air Force One back to Washington.

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September 30, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THRU: BOB DUNN

FROM: TIM FINCHEM *Ji*

SUBJECT: JERRY WURF, PRESIDENT, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE,
COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

It would be very helpful if you would mention to Jerry Wurf in Buffalo that we urgently need his assistance in the black community in Memphis, Tennessee. Bob Keefe will follow up with him on the details.

Also, Wurf has been extremely helpful of late and deserving of your thanks.

October 1, 1980

MEMORANDUM TO BOB DUNN

FROM: LONDON BUTLER 

SUBJECT: MCGOWAN ANNOUNCEMENT

The following is appropriate language for the President to use in his salutations in the CSEA speech:

"I am happy to announce to you that yesterday I selected Bill McGowan to serve as a member of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation. Bill, I look forward to receiving your good advice on this important subject."

NOTE: The members of the Committee were actually approved by Jack Watson on behalf of the President yesterday.

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Bob Rackleff
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~~Mr. President:~~

Remarks to (New York State) AFSCME-Civil Service Employees Assn.

Thank you, President [of CSEA] Bill McGowan, for your introduction.

Let me also thank Jerry Wurf, whom I hear

from a lot in Washington. He has consistently championed not only his members, but also the working families and the poor and the elderly of this country.

Jerry, I think you have the makings of a great labor leader. But I think it would help your career if you would speak up more often.

Don't be so bashful! Just go ahead & say what you think - 12

I want to thank you all for inviting me, and especially for your endorsement, ~~of my reelection.~~ The election five weeks away ~~involves much more than my personal candidacy.~~ *will affect the lives of everyone of you.* The American

people will choose not just between two candidates or two parties, ~~They will choose~~ *but* between two very different futures.

We should use exact quotes of Reagan to avoid problems of characterization. The theme should be "I cannot believe the American people would elect a man President who believes that..."

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That choice will determine

~~We will choose~~ whether or not ~~to~~ ^{we} continue the last five decades of social and economic progress -- whether or not we face our problems squarely and honestly -- whether or not this country will stand by its commitments to justice, equality, and freedom.

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~~In keeping those commitments in~~ the past 3-1/2 years, we have forged a strong, new partnership ^{with state and local} of governments, ~~at all levels,~~ working with business and labor. I ~~was~~ especially pleased with our strong partnership with ^{local and} state governments.

Together, we have faced up to some of the most difficult problems ~~ever~~ in our country. *has ever seen.*

We faced up to energy -- and now oil imports are down 24 percent, we are drilling more oil and gas wells, ^{producing more} and we have begun a massive program of conservation and alternative energy development.

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We have begun to rebuild our nation's energy base, and now

American coal,

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we are beginning to rebuild our industrial base.

My economic revitalization program will create a million ^{additional} new jobs in the next two years -- jobs in growing, competitive industries. It will put new, efficient tools into the hands of American workers and sustain our competitive edge.

I have just come from Michigan, where I saw the new 1981 cars coming off the assembly line, and I have never felt more encouraged about our economic future. Our auto industry is producing the best-designed, best-built, most up-to-date cars in the world today -- and I do not hesitate to recommend them to the American public.

Henry
Owen
a.k.a.

In partnership with government and labor, the auto industry is helping lead the way in rebuilding our economy. And when we are finished, the American economy can be a full-employment economy, with stable prices, for generations to come.

You and I know that this rebuilding is essential in this decade. Americans have earned the world's highest standard of living, and I want to keep it that way.

Revitalization is also essential for keeping our commitments for basic government services. The fact is that we have much unfinished progress toward social and economic justice -- progress that requires an expanding, healthy economy to sustain it.

I am determined that we ^{will} improve programs for the poor, the weak, and the elderly. I am determined that we expand programs that will put young people back to work.

I am determined that we enact welfare reform to improve benefits and to provide ~~some~~ fiscal relief to New York State and New York City. I am determined that we enact national health insurance.

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And I am determined that we increase support for State and local governments in areas being left behind by economic growth. It is important to stimulate the private economies of these areas. But services are important too. When a community cannot maintain its police force, its schools, its sanitation services and road repairs -- it ~~can~~^{will} accelerate economic decline.

That is why my revitalization program included \$1 billion in countercyclical aid -- and Social Security rebates of \$680 million -- for State and local governments.

There is another unfinished task, as well. I am determined that we ratify the Equal Rights Amendment. I am the father of a ^{young} beloved daughter, ^{Amy,} and the grandfather of ^{little} another girl, ^{Sarah.} And I am determined not to leave office before we secure for them, and all women, the same rights enjoyed by men in our Constitution.

The ERA is a matter of simple justice. But it is also

bread and butter. Women are here to stay in the work force.

One-fourth of all families are supported by women. Yet women

earn only 59 cents for every dollar earned by men. That is

wrong, and that is why we must ratify the ERA without delay.

You know it will not be done if there is a President in the White House who is willing to permit state or federal governments to discriminate against women.

We have not done all we wanted to in the last 3-1/2 years.

You know ~~better than~~ *as well as* I what remains to be done. But you also

know that we have laid the base for a new future -- a future

of an expanding economy, a just society, and a secure nation.

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In contrast to that, we face a Republican candidate who

offers an uncertain counterfeited future, based on improbable promises and ill-considered proposals at home and abroad.

He has spoken about the problems of working families of the poor, yet he proposes the same formulas that long ago broke faith with the majority of Americans.

He has praised the newborn free trade unions of Poland. *But he has*

failed to offer the
~~I wish he would offer the same support for the full rights~~

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It's not going to be easy and you don't know it is not going to be done if we have a Rep. in the White House who is opposed to it.

We have not done all we wanted to in the last 3-1/2 years.

You know better than I what remains to be done. But you also

know that we have laid the base for a new future -- a future

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guarantee of equal rights for Am. women!

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In contrast to that, we face a Republican candidate who

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Mr. President,

I think we need in all these speeches to speak in least groups a group or two that puts you on the side of the national interest and recognizes that you can't do everything every one wants you to do.

"Let me be frank with you, I cannot promise that I will always agree with every proposal from you or any other group. I cannot promise that there will be unlimited federal resources to accommodate every new program without any delay. I cannot promise that there will not be difficult ~~and~~ challenges and tough decisions to be made in the future. I can promise ^{you} that we share the same goals, that your voice will always be heard, and that I will do my best to serve you and the national interest without ducking the tough issues or flinching from the difficult decisions."

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of American workers.

*I cannot believe the American people will elect a man
President who ~~thinks~~ believes - as he said this year -
"The minimum wage has caused more misery and
unemployment than
anything since the Great
Depression".*

He opposes the minimum wage. [^] He supports so-called

right-to-work laws. He opposed Humphrey-Hawkins. Only

1-1/2 years ago, he backed the elimination of OSHA -- and he

still talks about drastically weakening OSHA. He once called

unemployment compensation "little more than paid vacation

for freeloaders." ^{opposed Medicaid and} *He was a nationwide leader in the campaign against
Medicare.*

And when he was Governor, he vetoed ^{a bill} allowing collective bargaining for public employees in California. Not until he left office did public employees gain the right for collective bargaining ~~that should be~~ a fundamental right for all workers.

He opposes the ERA today, just as he opposed the civil rights advances of the 1960's. He says that he changed his mind, and that he supports civil rights laws now -- 15 years later. But I don't think the women of America should have to wait another 15 years for him to change his mind about this

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~~matter of simple justice.~~

He was against aid to New York City and against aid to Chrysler. He says now he has changed his mind. He is for them now. But when hundreds of thousands of jobs were at stake, and when workers' families needed some reassurance -- he was against helping them.

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Despite this record, he is campaigning as the friend of working people and the man with ^{simple} ~~all the~~ answers.

No windfall profits tax --

Solving the energy problem is simple: just turn it over to the oil companies.

Solving our economic problems is just as simple: ~~Simply~~ ^{election year} pass a massive tax cut that would be a windfall for the rich, and ^{an inflationary disaster for working people.} ~~and~~ ^{a chorus of} ~~from~~ ^{from economists of almost every persuasion} In response to ~~our~~ criticisms, he revised his economic program a month ago. ^{But} ~~Yet~~ his numbers still do not add up.

Instead of budget surpluses or even a balanced budget, it would

bring on massive new budget deficits -- over \$100 billion in 1985 alone -- higher than any deficit in our history.

The tax cut would pump hundreds of billions of consumer dollars into an already-inflationary economy -- bid up the price of every consumer item on the shelf -- without investing first in the productive capacity ~~we are so short of today,~~ *which we obviously need.*

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Only one-tenth of that tax cut would go for job-producing investments. What's more, there is nothing in his simple answer for rebuilding the economy of our older cities, of the Northeast and Midwest. There is nothing for ports and railroads, for retraining workers, or for research.

The result would be an inflationary whirlwind that would steal back in higher prices the few dollars an average family would get in tax cuts. Because of its inflationary impact,

even Business Week and former President Ford oppose this ~~tax~~ *reason-*
Kemp-Roth tax cut plan
cut, and George Bush earlier this year called it "voodoo

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economics." *S/18*

My opponent has another simple solution for government spending. Two weeks ago, he repeated his promise to ~~turn back~~ *place the burden*

to ^{on} State and local governments ~~unspecified~~ *of massive* Federal programs with

~~unspecified funding sources for them.~~ He had a similar idea

four years ago to turn back \$90 billion in Federal programs,

but this year he left out the details.

What are ^{all} these programs he wants to turn back? And ^{how will local} ~~what~~ *taxpayers pay for them? How much will property*
~~are these funding sources? Does he mean States and communities~~
taxes have to rise? Can your state and local
~~should raise income taxes -- or in States without them,~~
governments afford to pay the full cost of welfare?
~~establish income taxes? How high would these taxes go? How~~

~~high would property taxes, sales taxes, and business taxes go?~~ *A* 19

the American people
~~I think he owes, us some answers, or at least some~~
~~assurance that he has thoroughly checked out economic ideas~~
~~that sound great in speeches, but have no relation to the~~
~~complex realities we face in this country.~~ We do not need

~~more~~ one-dimensional thinking that government is the source of all problems and that the solutions are simple, *or easy.*

The plain fact is that our problems require everyone to work together -- a partnership of government, labor, business, and the American public. We need to draw the best from everyone -- draw on our strengths and the things that unite us in common purpose -- not simply lash out at old scapegoats.

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That is why I am doubly glad to receive your endorsement. I know that this country has the best, most productive public employees -- Federal, State and local -- of any nation on earth. I have worked at every level of government for the past quarter-century. I know from personal experience the dedication that you bring to your careers of public service.

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Most people know that ~~it is~~ public employees ~~who~~ keep *our nation safe,* our roads in good condition, our schools open, our water and air clean, our workplaces healthy and safe, our elderly and

sick cared for, our laws enforced, and perform countless other necessary services day and night.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Suzanne' or similar, written in a cursive style.

And I am glad to give thanks where it is due. I thank you for the hard work and professional skills you bring to your jobs, and I thank you for your support.

Now let's work together for the next five weeks to turn out the vote. Let's join together in sweeping New York State on November 4.

You do your share, and I'll do mine. We will win together and make this great country of ours even greater.

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Walter Mears interview with Reagan
Ran on overnight wire - 2:15 am - October 1
Dateline: New York

Ronald Reagan says that as President he would scrap the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty without allowing a Senate vote on it, then toughen the U.S. negotiating stance and seek new weapons talks with the Soviet Union.

He said he would strengthen American military forces to put more pressure on Moscow by raising "the possibility of an arms race."

The SALT II Treaty negotiated and signed by President Carter is "fatally flawed" and "it isn't arms limitations," Reagan said. The purpose of an arms accord with Russia, the Republican Presidential candidate said, is to ensure that "neither one of us can threaten the other." He insisted Carter's treaty doesn't meet the test.

Reagan said he would withdraw the treaty that has been awaiting Senate approval for more than 14 months. SALT II already is on the back burner. It faced an uncertain vote in the Senate before Carter asked that it be withheld due to the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

In an interview Tuesday with the Associated Press, Reagan said a new U.S. arms build-up would put pressure on the Russians to strike an acceptable bargain on SALT.

"The one card that's been missing in these negotiations has been the possibility of an arms race," Reagan said. "Now, the Soviets have been racing, but with no competition... he (the Soviets) will be far more inclined to negotiate in good faith if he knows that the United States is engaged in building up its military."

Reagan dealt cautiously, like a leader determined to avoid any misstep, with most other issues raised around the glass-topped table in his Waldorf Tower hotel suite. On the war between Iran and Iraq, for example, he deferred detailed comment until he has had an administration briefing on the situation and has "access to more facts than I have now."

In any event, he said, it is irrelevant to discuss use of U.S. forces to keep the Persian Gulf open, because "we really don't have the facilities to do very much."

Reagan again accused Carter of ducking campaign debate -- noting he had debated six times this year and Carter not once -- and he said he suspects the American hostages in Iran may be freed before the November 4 election in an "October surprise" designed to blunt his campaign.

Reagan also said that if he wins the White House, he will consider issuing an executive order to abolish draft registration, and will "look very closely" at legislation to eliminate the Departments of Energy and Education.

While he sharply criticized Carter's so-called Windfall Profits Tax on domestically produced oil, Reagan said a repeal would not be a high-priority with him.

"I don't know that I could do the other things I've said and immediately eliminate that, that it is one that I think you could look to as you progress, to phasing out," Reagan said.

The tax is expected to produce \$227.7 billion over the next decade. Reagan said, "It isn't a Windfall Profits tax, it's a sales tax," that will discourage U.S. oil production and cost millions of barrels a day. But he conceded it would take awhile to undo it because the revenues are "so gigantic, and already committed in programs."

Reagan made his sharpest comments in blasting Carter's SALT II treaty. He said flatly and firmly that he would withdraw the treaty from the Senate where it is stalled at Carter's request. It would take a 2/3 Senate vote to approve the pact.

Carter asked Senate leaders on January 3 to delay ratification because of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Six months earlier, hours after signing the treaty in Vienna, Austria, he had urged ratification as a matter of common sense for the United States.

In asking the delay, Carter said he was not withdrawing the treaty from Senate consideration. Asked if he would do so, Reagan said, "Yes. But at the same time I did I would make it plain that I was prepared to sit down with the Russians for as long as it might take to negotiate a legitimate arms limitation agreement.

"My objection to SALT II is it is not arms limitation, it legitimizes arms race, it begins by letting the Soviet Union build 3,000 more warheads, then we can build some to catch up, only we can't catch up until 1990."

Carter has accused Reagan of "abandoning arms control policies which have been supported by every Democratic President since Truman, and every Republican President since Dwight Eisenhower." He said new Republican leaders seek "to launch an all-out nuclear arms race."

Reagan said his SALT negotiations would have a different tone than that employed by Carter or his Republican predecessors. "We have been unilaterally disarming at the same time we're negotiating...with the other fellow, where all he has to do is sit there and not give up anything and his superiority increases," Reagan said. "He will be far more inclined to negotiate in good faith if he knows that the United States is engaged in building up its military."

Reagan said his negotiating stance would end Soviet confusion about U.S. goals and determinations. "I think sometimes they'd feel better...if they knew what the game is and who the players are," Reagan said.

The former California Governor accused Carter of trying to divert attention from Administration failures by asserting that a new GOP administration might lead the nation toward war.

Reagan said his is not "a war-like or aggressive nature; I don't itch to get my thumb on the button..."

On other points, Reagan said:

- "I'm just bracing myself for an October surprise" in case Iran releases the American hostages before election day. He said that might happen because "the Iranians are not exactly supporters of mine," and release of the captive Americans would help Carter. "If that will help bring the hostages home, fine," he added.
- That in appointing federal judges and justices of the Supreme Court, "I would be guided by the whole broad philosophy of the individual," and would not necessarily rule out a jurist who did not oppose abortion. The Republican platform suggests that only opponents of abortion be considered for judicial appointments, but Reagan said he doesn't read it that way.
- That the Department of Education seeks to take over the accreditation of colleges and universities. "This new department is right now discussing what would amount to a federal licensing of schools and colleges," Reagan said.

September 29, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Al McDonald
Rick Hertzberg *CRK*
Bob Rackleff

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks:
Opening Statement for
Flint Town Meeting

Wed, Oct 1, 2 p.m.
Flint, Michigan

Your opening statment for this town meeting is attached.

Copies have been sent to Pat Caddell and Jerry Rafshoon. Jody will write his comments on this original before giving it to you.

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Gene Eidenberg
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Opening Remarks for Flint Town Meeting

[Salutations.]

I wish that everyone here could have seen what I just saw -- ~~I saw~~ a display at the airport of the 1981 American cars, and ^{I also} visited the Wayne Ford plant. ^{Some of} the best-designed, best-built, most up-to-date cars in the world are rolling off the line right now.

This is American ingenuity and teamwork at its best -- and I am proud of the working men and women building these cars.

They are first-rate, world-class cars. I know that the workers have put their best into building them. I share their pride, and I do not hesitate to recommend the 1981 cars to the American public. *When American consumers get ready to spend American dollars on a new car -- my advice is to look first at these fine new American cars.*

I want you to know that I will not rest until ~~this~~ our auto industry returns to full competitive strength -- with the

capital it needs for the most efficient tools available --
and ^{with} ~~until~~ all the working men and women of the industry ~~are~~
back on the job.

I want the people of Michigan to know that you are part
of something special happening in this country -- the rebuilding
of our nation's economic base.

The economic revitalization program I announced a month
ago will create a million, ^{additional} new jobs in the next two years --
jobs in growing, competitive industries.

We will modernize our basic industries, such as steel
and autos. We will encourage high-technology industries.
We will expand research and development. We will rebuild
our transportation system and expand exports. We will aid
communities and workers hit hard by economic change.

And when we are finished, the American economy will be

a full-employment economy, with stable prices -- and the American worker will ^{continue to} out-work, out-produce, and out-compete every country on this earth.

I'm confident of that because the auto industry is again taking the lead. I remember that during the Depression, Franklin Roosevelt asked auto makers to move up new model year introductions. The industry responded, and helped stimulate the economy at its low point.

During World War II, ^{the} President ~~Roosevelt~~ again turned to the auto industry, and you helped make America the arsenal of democracy.

I saw that same spirit at the Ford plant today, I see that same spirit here, and I will return to Washington more encouraged than ever.

*Finally, let me repeat a point I made
[Let me make one final point]
earlier today:*

Just five weeks from now, the American people will make an important decision. I won't mention politics. I will just say that I intend to be your President when ^{a constant stream of ships} ~~the first ship~~ full of American-built cars unloads ^{Tokyo and} in [^]Yokohama -- and I want your help to make that come true.

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Auto Plant Remarks

Salutations

I wish that everyone in America could see this sight.
I've just seen ^{some of} the best-designed, best-built, most up-to-date
cars in the world rolling off the ^{assembly} line.

This is American ingenuity and teamwork at its best --
and I am proud of every one of you.

The new model introductions each fall have always been
exciting. [I remember as a boy in Georgia ^{studying} reading the magazine
ads as the new models came out, and ^{going to the county seat to examine} admiring
at the local dealerships.] ^{looking over the new cars} But this is doubly exciting because ^{improbable}
this ~~year~~ will be the year we begin to turn around the American
economy, ^{especially} especially in our auto industry.

No other auto industry could have ^{accomplished} accomplished more
quickly or completely this fundamental shift in production.
Since 1974, the fuel economy performance of American-built
cars has improved by nearly 50 percent, while the mileage of
foreign competitors has stayed the same. [~~or even declined.~~]

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In just one year, fuel efficiency has increased by 20 percent in some models. No other competing nation comes close.

No other country builds safer cars that offer more protection in a collision. No other country makes cars that are more durable. I know that you have put your best into building them, and that workers are more directly involved in quality control than ever before. I know that you are proud of them. I believe that all Americans are proud of the dramatic progress you have made.

Today, as President, I urge ^{American} ~~our~~ consumers to go into ~~their~~ showrooms around the country and test drive these new American cars. ~~Judge for yourselves.~~ There is not a better built, safer, more durable or more ~~fuel~~ efficient car today than these new American models. *Make the judgment for yourselves.*

And I urge other countries who want to sell their cars in the United States to do as some foreign manufacturers have already done ^{more of} ~~and~~ locate ^A their plants in this country and employ American workers.

^{Perhaps} ~~I hope~~ when Americans go new car shopping, they will ask their dealers: "^{Was} ~~Has~~ this car ~~been~~ built in the United States?" American auto workers deserve the chance to compete. ~~Our auto industry and those foreign manufacturers who locate plants here deserves our support. Buying American-built cars is a sound investment~~ ^{for our families and} in America's future. ~~[I hope our citizens will "Buy American" in the years to come.]~~

I don't think you should use this line? It sounds too protectionist.

In the next few months we will be buying thousands of new cars and trucks with American taxpayers' money. I am going to make certain that they are ⁻³⁻ American made.

The cars here and

^A ~~These~~ are first-rate, world-class cars, but they are only the beginning. In the next five years our auto industry will invest almost \$80 billion to produce ^{even more} ~~the~~ fuel-efficient, high-quality, advanced cars that the American public ^{will} ~~wants~~ to buy. That is twice the cost of the Apollo program in half the time.

I pledge to you as your President that I will use the full resources of my office to ensure that the American auto industry has access to the capital it needs to retool, to compete, and to maintain its rightful share of the American auto market.

That has been my commitment in the past, it is my commitment now, and it will be my commitment in the future.

I think a partisan attack will detract from the message in this speech.
[Unfortunately, the Republican candidate has a habit of changing his mind on major policies as election day draws closer. In the last few weeks, he says he changed his mind about the monumental Civil Rights Act. When he campaigns in New York State, he says he's changed his mind about aid to New York City and other cities in need. Now I understand he has announced he has changed his mind about help for the auto industry.]

I think auto workers have longer memories than that. When we were fighting together to save 200,000 jobs at Chrysler,

the Republican candidate was asking "What's wrong with Bankruptcy". And although the Republican candidate says he has changed his mind about the problems of the auto industry, just this week he has hired as his consumer advisor a person who appears in full page ads in major newspapers on behalf of the Japanese Automobile Manufacturers Association. Perhaps he's changed his mind again. Ronald Reagan coming to Detroit claiming to be on the side of autoworkers is like Colonel Sanders going to a chicken farm saying "I want to be your friend."

I am here to tell you that I haven't changed my mind about the auto industry, and so long as I am President I will not.] My commitment to you is that my Administration -- *of Transportation* President, Vice President, Secretary, ~~Goldschmidt~~ and everyone else -- will stay right in the trenches with the UAW and the auto industry until we restore this industry to full productive health. I will not rest until ^{the} ~~all~~ working men and women in the auto industry are back on the job with full-time, steady work.

As President, I have made it absolutely clear to our foreign competition ^{ers} that the United States will not abandon any portion of our share of the domestic auto market. I expect our foreign competition to practice restraint ^{during this time of transition} as I have counseled them to do.

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~~In the meantime, I have already urged voluntary restraint by Japanese automakers. And I have urged them, for both our long-term interests, to begin building plants here that employ American workers.~~

I also want you to know that you are part of something special happening in this country -- the rebuilding of our economic base. To do the job right, we need to include labor, business and government in a solid partnership -- something we have already begun in the auto industry.

The economic revitalization program that labor helped develop will create a million new jobs in the next two years -- jobs in growing, competitive industries.

We will modernize our basic industries, such as steel and autos. We will encourage high-technology industries. We will expand research and development. We will rebuild our transportation system and expand exports. We will

aid communities and workers hit hard by economic change.

And when we are finished, the American economy will be a full-employment economy -- and the American worker will out-work, out-produce, and out-compete ^{the workers of any} ~~every~~ country on this earth.

I'm confident of that because the auto industry is again taking the lead. I remember that during the Depression, Franklin Roosevelt asked auto makers to move up new model year introductions. The industry responded, and helped stimulate the economy at its low point.

During World War II, President Roosevelt again turned to the auto industry, and you helped make America the arsenal of democracy.

I see that same spirit here today, and I will leave here more encouraged than ever.

Let me make one final point:

Just five weeks away, the American people will make an important decision. I won't mention politics. I will just say that I want to be your President when the first boatload of American-built cars unloads in Yokohama -- and I want your help to make that come true.

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STU EIZENSTAT

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Rick Hutcheson

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WASHINGTON

September 30, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: STU EIZENSTAT *Stu*

Attached is the insert for your AFSCME speech. I checked with Marty Franks and he does not have more specific figures you asked about.

*Stu - RR
Give me shifting
quotes on
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*Good
J*

September 26, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FRANK MOORE

F. M.

One good spinoff from the Willie Nelson concert on the 13th is that Willie has agreed to do another fundraising concert in Texas. His band, road crew and the Houston promoter have offered to donate their time. I asked the Carter/Mondale Campaign to contact Willie's manager to work out the details.

The site will be the Houston Summit, an 18,000 seat arena. The concert will be held on October 12, and we expect to net \$200,000 from the event on ticket sales alone. There will also be a reception before the concert for large contributors which Willie and possibly Chip will attend.

I may ask you to call Willie later when details are final to ask him for all his help.

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INFORMATION

September 30, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: HENRY OWEN *100*
SUBJECT: Japanese Automobiles

Senator Levin called me to suggest that you announce in your trip to Michigan tomorrow not only that you will meet with Japanese officials about the import issues immediately after the ITC renders its report, but also that you will now seek a date for such a meeting, at the highest level.

He sees domestic political advantages in such a statement, which I am not competent to judge.

From a foreign policy standpoint, it is important that such a statement be phrased in a way that takes account of Japanese sensitivities:

You might say that Japan has a new Prime Minister, whom you would like to meet immediately after the election to discuss a broad range of issues, and that the automobile import question is one of the most important of these. You might add that your officials will seek now to set a date for that meeting, so that it can take place without delay in mid-November, when the ITC report will be at hand.

Such a statement could be explained to the Japanese as a continuation of past procedures, under which a US President and a new Japanese Prime Minister usually meet early in the latter's term. It could be pointed out to them that autos will be only one of the questions to be discussed at such a meeting.

If the notion is not presented to the Japanese in this way, we could get a very negative reaction from them. They will be reluctant to agree to a meeting that will appear to their people mainly as a means of pressing them to take new actions on the automobile issue. The meeting would need to be presented to them and to the American public in a wider context.

If you decide to make this statement, please let Stu Eizenstat or me know, so that we can advise the Japanese. Even a few hours' notice will improve their receptivity. No advance notice will mean Japanese shock and adverse press comment.

I have cleared this memo and the draft language I gave Stu Eizenstat with the STR (Bob Hormats). Dick Cooper is concerned that we not appear to promise too much in the way of results from this US-Japanese meeting; I have adjusted the language accordingly, but he would prefer to have no reference to the mtg.

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September 30, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: STU EIZENSTAT *Stu*
HENRY OWEN *HO*

SUBJECT: Detroit Auto Speech

Attached is a memorandum from Henry Owen with which I agree. Senator Levin called me on the same subject and delivered the same message. I also understand he called the Vice President.

The language you use on auto imports is critical. Henry and I suggest the following language and make the following points:

1. You cannot say, due to GATT requirements, that you want Americans to "buy American" as is stated in one of the drafts of the speech. You can and should say, "In the next few months [it has to say this because the new codes starting January 1 would not permit this] we will be buying thousands of new cars and trucks. I am going to make certain that they are American made." You can also say, "I hope the American buying public will give these American cars the fair chance they deserve, to help put American autoworkers back on the job. I hope they will go to the showrooms so they can see them first-hand."

2. We believe that the import section should read as follows:

"As you know, the International Trade Commission will respond soon to your petition for relief from Japanese imports. It is premature to act before the ITC makes its recommendation. But if the ITC rules in your favor, I will have the legal authority to act. However that rule comes out, I intend to meet personally, together with members of my Administration, with Japanese officials at the highest levels to discuss this issue, which bears so directly on American jobs.

"Japan has a new Prime Minister whom I will want to meet immediately after the election to discuss a wide range of issues. Automobile imports will be one of the most important of these issues. As close allies, we must address this question, even though a single meeting will not solve all our problems. I will now seek a specific date in November for a meeting with the Japanese Prime Minister.

"When I was at the Venice Economic Summit this summer I expressed concern to the Japanese about our auto industry's problems, and about reports that Japan would increase its capacity to export cars to the United States. In response, the Japanese

government announced that Japanese automobile companies would not increase that capacity.

"We have continued to discuss this problem with Japan. The Japanese have recently announced that they will exercise prudence in their exports, and that their exports will therefore be less in the fall of this year than in the same period of last year. I am pleased with that step. I have also urged the Japanese, for both our long-term interests, to begin building plants here that employ American workers. The Japanese are taking action to this end. They have also sent missions to increase their purchases of U.S. automobile parts and they have agreed to relax barriers to the imports of these parts and of cars into Japan.

"In addition, our tariff on imported Japanese trucks has been increased to 25%, and this will not be modified without acceptable concessions from the Japanese."

The speech should also specifically refer to the newly instituted Automobile Tripartite Committee as a symbol of the lasting partnership between your Administration, the industry and labor.

Because of the strong substantive nature of these statements, I would take out references to Reagan such as the "Colonel Sanders" line that is in draft B-1.

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SUMMARY OF DAILY POLITICAL REPORT

September 26-29, 1980

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Seniors. The October periodical of the National Council of Senior Citizens has a comparison of the three candidates which is very favorable to Carter. 3½ million circulation.

Students. 225 Students for C/M from around the country were briefed in Washington last weekend. Meeting was very successful.

Anderson. Garth was the source of the recent 'key aides doubt Anderson's viability' stories.

Delaware. HQ opening in Wilmington was well-attended.

Maine. VP's trip went well. Anderson cut back his schedule to a U. Maine appearance only. He was well-received by the students, but our supporters distributed an anti-Anderson leaflet.

New Jersey. First Lady's trip went well, good crowds.

New York. New Post poll: Carter 32, Reagan 28, Anderson 14.

Rhode Island. Former Gov. Roberts, a former Kennedy supporter, spoke enthusiastically for C/M at the Democratic state convention.

Alabama. President's call to Mike Gillespie made front-page news in Birmingham, and will be very helpful.

North Carolina. Farmers for C/M Committee was announced.

South Carolina. Jesse Jackson's trip went well. A Klan rally re-endorsed Reagan and Reagan's Southern coordinator commented that he didn't think the endorsement would hurt Reagan in South Carolina. The campaign had no comment, per Jody's instructions. GOP has numerous surrogates scheduled into the state in October: Vanderjagt, Kemp, Hatch, Bush, Rhodes and Nancy Reagan.

Idaho. Poll: Reagan 48, Carter 18, Anderson 8.

Arizona. Poll: Reagan 43, Carter 20, Anderson 10.

South Dakota. Poll: Reagan 47, Carter 25, Anderson 13.

Oklahoma. GOP will raise about \$1 million at tonight's fundraiser, featuring Gerald Ford.

DAILY SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Pres.	Wash., D.C.	DNC Fundraiser
V. Pres.	Philadelphia, PA	USS Saratoga
Reagan	Nevada, IA Newark, NJ New York, NY	GOP Fundraiser, Local Farm; Major Farm Policy Address
Bush	Albuquerque, NM Los Angeles, CA	AP Editorial Board Meeting; GOP Fundraiser; "Prelude to Victory" Dinner; GOP Unity Speech
Anderson	Wash., D.C. Raleigh, NC Chapel Hill, NC Miami, FL	GOP Fundraiser Press Conference U of NC Rally Delmonico Retirement Home Tour and Press Conf.; Fundraiser and Volunteer Reception
Lucey	Sioux Falls, SD Fargo, ND Moorehead, ND	

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 1

Pres.	Detroit, MI Flint, MI Niagara Falls, NY	Tour Ford Plant Town Meeting; Media Interview Bill Signing; Address AFSCME Hudson County Reception
V. Pres.	Jersey City, NJ Oak Park, IL Chicago, IL Houston, TX	Illinois AFL-CIO Annual Convention International Retail Food Convention; RON
Chip	Augusta, ME Lewiston, ME Portland, ME	
Andrus Marshall	Annapolis, MD Waukegan, IL Rosemont, IL	Stony Creek Democratic Club Lake Co. Democratic Central Committee Illinois State AFL-CIO
Reagan	New York, NY Patterson, NJ Wilkes-Barre, PA Pittsburgh, PA	Small Businessmen Mtg. & Remarks; Labor Event at 56th & Market Street Event on City Hall Steps; Private Fundraiser at Local Restaurant Rally RON
Bush	San Francisco, CA Eugene, OR	
Anderson	Denver, CO Los Angeles, CA	Planned Parenthood Conference; Press Conference
Lucey	Midwest Swing	

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

Pres.	Dayton, OH Philadelphia, PA Lansdowne, PA	Town Meeting DNC Fundraiser Neighborhood Gathering
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V. Pres.	Houston, TX San Diego, CA Long Beach, CA Los Angeles, CA	City Club Luncheon Speech
Marshall	Houston, TX	RON United Food & Commercial Workers International Retail Food Conference
Goldschmidt Reagan	New York, NY Pittsburgh, PA Green Bay, WI Chicago, IL	Breakfast Fundraiser at Hotel; Cyclops Steel Mill Tour Civic Club Luncheon Speech North Lake Retirement Center; Lt. Gov. O'Neill
Bush	Eugene, OR Spokane, WA	
Anderson Lucey	Los Angeles, CA Duluth, MN Des Moines, IA	No events scheduled

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

V. Pres	Los Angeles Hayward, CA Oakland, CA Sacramento, CA Salem, OR	RON
First Lady	Erie, PA Schenectady, NY Albany, NY Buffalo, NY	Fundraiser Fundraiser
Landrieu Reagan	Cincinnati, OH Lynchburg, VA Norfolk, VA Wash., D.C.	Hamilton County Dinner National Religious Broadcasters Conf., Liberty Baptist College Scopes Auditorium Remarks; Private Fundraiser
Bush	St. Louis, MO Reading, PA	Kit Bond Luncheon
Anderson	Los Angeles, CA	Compton Jaycees (Black audience); Press Conf.; Address Cal. State Univ. Business School; Address Local Steelworkers; Motorcade to LA County Fair (Tentative)
Lucey	Rock Island, IL Flint, MI	

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

V. Pres.	Salem, OR Vancouver, WA Seattle, WA Spokane, WA	
Andrus Hufstedler Marshall Reagan Bush	Wash., D.C. Columbus, OH W. Illinois Swing Wash., D.C. Cleveland, OH Columbus, OH	Annandale Fundraiser Ohio Federation Womens Council Private GOP Picnic
Anderson	San Diego, CA	Savings & Loan Nat'l Convention Speech; Orchan Pavillion Rally - Balboa Park
Lucey	Flint, MI Toledo, OH	

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5th

Rubenstein Rockville, MD
Reagan Wash., D.C.
Bush Wash., D.C.

Beth Tikva - Candidates Forum
Private

TENTATIVE REAGAN/ANDERSON SCHEDULE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Reagan Camden, NJ
 Trenton, NJ
 New Haven, CT

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

Reagan Lancaster, PA
 Harrisburg, PA
 Akron, OH
 Youngstown, OH

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

Reagan Youngstown, OH
 Chicago, IL
 Milwaukee, WI

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

Reagan Memphis, TN

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

Reagan Florida
 Alabama
 South Carolina

SAT., OCTOBER 11 - TUES., OCTOBER 14

Reagan Washington, DC
(Monday, October 13th: Anderson in Pittsburgh, Tentative)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Bush Knoxville, TN

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

Reagan Ohio

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

Reagan New York

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

Reagan Washington, DC
 or other

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Reagan Illinois

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 29, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

STU EIZENSTAT *Stu*

SUBJECT:

Esther's Memo Requesting
a Telephone Call to
Congressman Boland

I support Esther's request that you call Congressman Boland. Senator Danforth's amendment cripples Esther's office and their ability to represent consumers in federal proceedings. This narrow vote was highly partisan, and would probably have gone the other way if more Democrats running for re-election could have been present.

Esther's small office has only enough resources to present the consumer's side of a few matters at a very small number of the independent commissions. No specific statutory authorization is needed for this work; many other Executive Branch agencies appear as parties in independent agency proceedings routinely. Trying to silence Esther is a gratuitous and heavy-handed act that merits your forthright opposition.

The call would demonstrate your continued support for consumer interests. It would be particularly timely, coming on the heels of the consumer endorsement meeting last week.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
October 1, 1980

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

FRANK MOORE *F.M./D.R.*

The House passed the Continuing Resolution Conference Report shortly after midnight. The Senate faces a filibuster led by Senators Stevens, Weicker, Bellmon, Packwood and others.

They oppose the abortion language in the Conference Report, which they believe to be more restrictive than current law. As a result, it is very possible that this matter may not be resolved before this afternoon.

We will need to resolve how you publicly handle this matter before you leave for Michigan. Jim and Stu are preparing a possible statement that you might issue before departure.

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Rick Hutcheson

NAME Edward P. Boland (Eddie)

1793

TITLE Congressman (D-Mass.-2)

FM/m

Requested by Frank Moore

CITY/STATE Springfield, Mass.

Date of Request 9/29/80

Phone Number--Home () _____

Work (202) 225-5601

Other (413) 734-1739 (Springfield Res.)

INFORMATION (Continued on back if necessary)

At the same time you talk with Congressman Boland about the Office of Consumer Affairs appropriations, you should also discuss:

The Proxmire amendment (prohibiting the use of New York city loan guarantee administrative expenses for the purpose of permitting the Municipal Assistance Corporation to use the

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proceeds of its borrowings in FY '81 and '82 to meet the city's financial needs after FY '82) is still attached to the HUD appropriations bill. You spoke with Congressman Boland a few weeks ago and asked him if he would oppose the amendment and if he thought the House conferees would stay with him to beat it. Boland said he would hold and the conferees would back him.

Talking Points

- Let me know if there is anything I can do to help you with the conferees.
- On a third subject, I hope we can get an agent identities bill through. Again, let me know if there is any way I can help.

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NAME SENATOR RUSSELL LONG

1795

TITLE D - Louisiana

F. M. M.

CITY/STATE _____

Requested by Frank Moore/DT

Phone Number--Home () _____

Date of Request 9/30/80

Work () 224-4623

(THIS CALL SHOULD BE MADE ONLY
IF SENATOR BYRD ADVISES YOU TO
DO SO).

Other () _____

INFORMATION (Continued on back if necessary)

SUBJECT: Unemployment Compensensation Bill

TALKING POINTS

1. The House will pass the unemployment compensation extension bill this afternoon. It is an extremely important measure to us both economically and politically. The House-passed bill is not identical to the measure we originally proposed, but its

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cost is the same and we can live with the changes that the House made. I would like to explore with you the possibility of stopping the House bill at the desk and pass it immediately without referring it to the Finance Committee. I know that you and your colleagues on the Committee take great pride in the work that you do, but unfortunately time does not permit us to follow the regular legislative process if we are to succeed in getting the bill passed before the Senate goes out for the recess.

2. Of course, I would not want to even consider doing so if there is a possibility that this bill will be a vehicle for a tax cut amendment.

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NAME SENATOR ROBERT C. BYRD

1794

TITLE D - West Virginia

FM

CITY/STATE _____

Requested by Frank Moore/DT

Phone Number--Home () _____

Date of Request 9/30/80

Work () 224-5556

Other () _____

INFORMATION (Continued on back if necessary)

SUBJECT: Rail Conference Report and Unemployment Compensation

The House will pass this afternoon the unemployment compensation extension bill. If we are to get Senate action on this measure before the election, we will have to get Senator Byrd and Chairman Long to agree to stop the House-passed bill at the Senate desk and pass it immediately. This is a highly unusual practice and one which neither the Leadership nor a Committee chairman likes to resort to. Nevertheless, these are unusual circumstances. Consequently, we urge you to call Senator Byrd as soon as possible and ask for advice and

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counsel as to whether this is a practical approach. If he concurs, then we request that you call Senator Long and ask for his assistance. In addition to discussing the unemployment compensation bill with Senator Byrd, you should also point out to him that the House will pass the conference report on the rail bill tomorrow and Senate passage tomorrow is absolutely essential.

TALKING POINTS

1. The two remaining major Administration initiatives which we have a chance of securing final Congressional approval before the election are the rail deregulation conference report and the unemployment compensation extension bill. To achieve these goals will require your active support and assistance. This afternoon the House will pass the unemployment compensation bill. There is no time for that bill to be referred to the Finance Committee, to have the Committee hold a hearing and a mark-up, and to report the measure to the Floor by the time the Senate goes out for the recess. The only possible way that we can get final Congressional approval before the recess is by stopping the bill at the desk when it comes over from the House and passing it immediately. As you may know, this is the only major component of my economic revitalization package which I have asked the Congress to pass this year. I had considered calling Senator Long and asking for his help. Before I did that, however, I wanted to get your advice and views. I have some appreciation for the unusual nature of my request, but this piece of legislation is extraordinarily important. Also, I do not know what the current thinking of Senator Long and the Republicans is with respect to the possibility of using this measure as a vehicle for another vote on the tax cut. (If Senator Byrd agrees to pursue this course of action, you should ask at you can do to facilitate this and particularly whether you should call Senator Long).

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Continuation of Phone Call Request to Senator Robert C. Byrd

TALKING POINT #2

2. The House will pass the rail conference report tomorrow. We are working on Senators who have a problem with the conference report and hope that you will be able to take that measure up tomorrow when it comes over from the House.

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NAME Edward P. Boland (Eddie)

1793

TITLE Congressman (D-Mass.-2)

CITY/STATE Springfield, Mass.

Requested by Esther Peterson

Phone Number--Home ()

Date of Request 9/26/80

Work (202) 225-5601

Other (413) 734-1739 (Springfield Res.)

INFORMATION (Continued on back if necessary)

The Senate narrowly adopted an amendment to the Office of Consumer Affairs appropriations which would prohibit the office from representing consumers in rulemaking and ratemaking proceedings before other Federal agencies.

Senator Danforth, sponsor of the amendment, argued that in rejecting the consumer agency bill, the House explicitly rejected the concept of consumer representation in Federal proceedings. (over)

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*Will pursue this
item later - Ok
for now*

We have never interpreted the House vote as a rejection of consumer representation. Rather, we have taken the House vote to mean that Congress wanted the USOCA to fulfill the consumer representation function by utilizing existing authority and resources and without the creation of a new agency.

A call from you to Congressman Boland, our House Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman, would demonstrate to the conferees how strongly the Administration feels about this issue.

Suggested Talking Points

- The Senate adopted an amendment which would prohibit the Office from participating in any type of rulemaking or ratemaking before a Federal agency. The effect of this is that in many proceedings, consumers would not be represented at all.
- As you know, I have been seeking ways to assure consumer involvement in government. I would have preferred that an independent consumer agency be created and I know that you, too, supported the bill. Esther Peterson's office should be allowed to continue this minimal function.
- I hope that you will use your influence to remove the Danforth amendment from the final bill.

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