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DRAFT STATEMENT FOR MS. FERRARO

THROUGHOUT THIS CAMPAIGN, FRITZ MONDALE AND I HAVE

DECLARED THAT WE WILL LEVEL WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. OUR

OPPONENTS ARE NOT DOING THAT. THEY LEAVE OUT FACTS, OVERSIMPLIFY

AND DISTORT. AND IN THE LAST TWO DAYS THEY DID IT AGAIN.

GEORGE BUSH SAID THAT FRITZ MONDALE WANTS TO DO AWAY WITH
THE TRIDENT II MISSILE AND TO STOP DEPLOYMENTS OF OUR PERSHING II
AND CRUISE MISSILES IN EUROPE. HE IS ABSOLUTELY WRONG.

THE TRUTH IS THAT FRITZ MONDALE AND I HAVE SUPPORTED THE NEW TRIDENT II MISSILE. WE NEED THAT MISSILE BECAUSE, FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, IT WOULD ADD STABILITY TO OUR DETERRENT, AND THEREFORE MAKE US MORE SECURE. AND SO, PENDING A MUTUAL AND VERIFIABLE FREEZE, OR SOME OTHER MAJOR ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT, WE MUST HAVE THE TRIDENT II.

GEORGE BUSH SHOULD ALSO KNOW THAT FRITZ MONDALE, WHEN HE WAS VICE PRESIDENT, WAS KEY IN GETTING NATO TO AGREE TO DEPLOY THE NEW MISSILES. HE HAS BACKED THESE DEPLOYMENTS EVER SINCE. WE SUPPORT THE DEPLOYMENTS OF THE CRUISE MISSILES AND PERSHINGS BECAUSE WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE UNJUSTIFIED SOVIET SS-20 DEPLOYMENTS AND BECAUSE WE HAVE BOTH BEEN COMMITTED TO THE OVERALL SECURITY OF OUR NATO ALLIES. TO SAY OTHERWISE ABOUT OUR RECORD AND STATEMENTS IS SIMPLY NOT TRUE.

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WHERE WE DO DIFFER WITH THE REAGAN-BUSH ADMINISTRATION IS IN OUR SERIOUS COMMITMENT TO ARMS CONTROL. WE BELIEVE IN A STRONG AMERICA -- AND WE BELIEVE IN A SAFER WORLD. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE KNOW THAT AN ARMS RACE LEADS ONLY TO AN ARMS RACE. TALKING TO THE SOVIETS ABOUT THE COMMON ISSUE OF SURVIVAL IS NOT A SIGN OF WEAKNESS. IT'S SMART AND IT'S A SIGN OF STRENGTH. IT'S TOO BAD THAT THE REAGAN-BUSH ADMINISTRATION CAN'T UNDERSTAND THAT SIMPLE FACT.

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