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Letter from a New Jersey Supporter to Geraldine Ferraro

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Dear Mrs. Ferraro:

Hope these points help in your campaign for Vice-President.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted]
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Dear [Name],

I am a four-year Reagan watcher, and I detest what I have been seeing in all areas. All areas!! (including the economy.) Reagan has been a shocking disaster for our country.

I am writing about your recent appearance on the C.B.S. News' Night- Watch program with moderator, Charles Rose and also the many appearances of D.N.C. Chairman Charles Manatt on various T.V. talk shows including C-SPAN.

In my opinion, your presentation, as well as Mr. Manatt's were not very effective. I think another four years of Mr. Reagan's regressive policies would be enough to bring all of us down to our knees. I truly believe this, and I am not a liberal or a partisan Democrat. Yet, I get the feeling that you and Mr. Manatt and other Democratic spokespersons do not really believe this to be true.

There is no fire-no anger, in your appeals. A neutral, uninformed observer could be expected to say- "Same old Democratic complaints, just what they said against Eisenhower, Nixon, Ford, Goldwater, etc.- always asking for handouts for the unproductive." Bob Strauss comes on A.B.C. and says that he believes "President Reagan to be a decent man, a likeable man, but with the wrong philosophy" - No anger, no disgust, no fire. What about the people that have died or committed suicide after they were cut off from receiving S.S. Disability benefits because they had supposedly "regained the ability to work". Don't tell me that this is a "decent" man!!
Even if you don't feel anger, I suggest you act like you are mad - just like all the Republicans did in 1980 when they talked about the "disaster" of the Carter Presidency. As we now know, the Carter years were not a disaster. You do believe this, don't you, I get the impression that you don't.

When the Republicans say "we had 20% inflation" you left this unchallenged. We never, never, had 20% inflation under Carter (or the 19%* that Reagan said that we had in March, 1980.) the highest inflation we ever had was 13+% in 1979.

Also, please challenge Carter critics when they say we had record inflation and record interest rates under Carter. All you have to do is ask "What policy or set of policies did Carter initiate that caused such high inflation or interest rates?" You will not get an answer!! There is no answer. Carter's inflation and interest rates came from the inherited Johnson-Nixon and Ford rates plus super, super Opec oil shock increases. If you don't want to mention Carter's name - say "THE LAST TIME WE HAD CONTROL OF CONGRESS AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICES."

As I said, your statement that the recovery has been uneven and not fair to all Americans lies awfully flat - Sounds just like all past Democratic appeals. The truth is that there really has been no real recovery - no real boom. Most of the improved economic reports add two or three times below the headline - "Best since 1978. - Finest showing in 5 years. - Highest reported since 1980, etc., - or as "Newsweek" has said, We are just barely reaching or coming near the Carter years - and how would things be if Reagan and our economy suffered the tremendous increases in oil prices that Carter did due to the Opec squeeze. We would be in a deep depression - probably the deepest of all.

Despite the improvement, we are sitting on a "time bomb" without national and foreign deficits. We are living on a "recovery" based on borrowed money.

Please don't let Republicans get away with saying that "Reagan has brought down inflation and interest rates. THIS IS NOT TRUE AND IT IS PROVABLE. If someone tried to burn your house down and kill you and your family - and woke you by knocking over your trash cans accidently and thus you were able to save all the family's lives, but your house burned down, - would you then say that that person should be credited with saving your lives? Of course not!! Mr. Reagan's own words (in 1980) back me up here. He said the main weapons a President has in fighting inflation and interest rates is to reduce federal spending and to balance the budget. On these particulars, Mr. Reagan is a Class-A failure. INFLATION AND INTEREST RATES ARE DOWN - ONLY BECAUSE OF THE HUGE DECREASES in Opec Oil prices, (In 1980, I paid $1.60 for a gallon of gas - I now pay only 1.00 - a 38% decrease) and THE DEFLATIONARY EFFECTS OF THE WORST RECESSION IN HISTORY - THE REAGAN RECESSION!!

* Several months in 1983 had rates of 1% inflation or a 12+% rate over a year. - Would it be fair to say we had 12% inflation in 1983 because of one month's rate?
Unemployment - Again you did not challenge their statement that "Reagan has brought down unemployment THIS IS UNTRUE - UNTRUE - yet, I believe most Americans believe this to be true. - The facts: Dec., 1980 U.E. rate -7.4% - Jan., 1984 Rate - 8.8% - Average rate Carter's four years (6.25%) - Average rate Reagan's three years - (9.50%+) - quite a difference - Don't allow them to get away with this lie.

Number of people employed - Reagan and mates shout with pride - "More people working than ever before" - This is true - but very, very, misleading. In Carter's four years - we had an increase of 11,000,000 jobs - continuing an expanding economy started after WWII. Under Reagan, we have an increase of just over three million jobs - Carter's average - almost three million a year - Reagan's average - just one million a year, but no mention of this from you or Mr. Manatt. [Note increase for Reagan now at 5 million - Basic Point still stands,]

A pattern has emerged from the above - (1) You and other democrats are ashamed of the economic performance of Carter and you are conceding that, like John Glenn has said that his policies were a disaster. Of course, this course is self-defeating. Carter's performance, considering the inherited inflation and the Opec oil shocks was a relatively good one - DON'T BE Ashamed AND INFORM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OF THE FACTS! - By acting like Carter was a failure, you're indirectly criticizing candidate Mondale!

(2) You are afraid of the Reagan magic and feel that it is suicide to be extra tough on him because of his popularity. You feel the American People love him so much, you must be respectful like Strauss saying, "He is a decent, likeable man". You made the same error in 1982. You should have gained 50 house seats and control of the Senate - if you had hammered Reagan. Use Republican Marc Marks' words (see enclosed) - or Bob Pacwood's or David Stockman's (Atlantic Article) or Reagon's own words in 1980 and the books. "There He Goes Again - Reagan's Reign or Error", by Mark Green and Gail MacColl. (Also "On Reagan" by Ronnie Dugger.)

To Recap:

(1) Get angry and act with fire at Reagan's performance-No more "He's a decent man" - Play Hard Ball. (He ain't decent)
(2) Don't let Republicans get away with misstatements on Economy - Such As:
   (1) Reagan lowered inflation, interest rates and unemployment.
   (2) More people working today.
   (3) We are in a Boom.
(3) Use Republicans' own words against Reagan. (Haig Good Here Also)
(4) Keep hammering on "Record Deficits", you are making progress on this issue and this one Reagan cannot salvage a la Grenada.

I'll Keep Writing,
Let's Get Going,
P.S. Other Reagan Weak-Points

(1) Incompetency-Government by Commission - Pointing out the consistent incompetency, fuzzy on the issues, age issues frequent misstatements and outright lies - (Reagan will be 74 on 2-6-85).

(2) Foreign Policy - He longs for days of "Civilized War":
(A) Lebanon - "Long" report saying goals and implementation faulty.*
(B) Latin America - for the first time. Communist gains in Latin America - making mockery of "Peace through strength issue" - Russians did not respect Reagan's toughness. - Use Reagan's own words about commiethroat.
(C) Allies no respect - Pipeline, Grenada - especially Canada's Trudeau - Thatcher criticizes U.S. interest rates and no consultation on Grenada.
(D) Closer to Nuclear War. - Not one summit meeting with Russian leader.
(E) Arms talks with Russians collapsed.

(3) Cruelness issue - S.S. Disability cutoffs resulting in deaths of hundreds - "People want to sleep on "grates" - "People get free meals on soup lines" - W.I.C., medicare, meals on wheels.

(4) Abandonment on active role in Education.

(5) Environment - Burford, Watt, Lavelle - etc., etc. - Rehiring of Burford - especially important in New Jersey - toxic waste sites.


(7) Reagan's lies, lies, lies - Press conference - economic statistics - See Book "Reign of Error".

(8) Lack of Press conferences - Thus, The Real Reagan is shown - Democrats should challenge him on this. - All his hesitations - Ah's and Well's.

(9) Mondale should challenge Reagan to Candidate to Candidate Conversational Debates such as in Democratic New York Primary. - Also - Ferraro should continue to challenge Bush to a debate or two - Republicans have been saying that Ferraro is not qualified - yet Bush seems to want to avoid any debate - unless Republicans fall behind in polls. "What better way to prove who is qualified or not by having several V.P. debates. Is Bush scared of looking bad?

* - Reagan said in Nov.-Dec., 1983, our presence in Lebanon was Keystone of our entire middle East policy. Comes February, 1984 - we run away with our tails between our legs - 264 marines die for nothing - policy a total failure.
There should be no praise of Reagan's speaking ability. After State of Union, Media kept on saying "Say, what you will, Mr./Mrs. Democrat, you must admit he is a master of the spoken word. Reply always was - (A) Yes, he is quite a speaker - yet - - - -"

People see this original praise, hook on to it, and forget other criticism, putting it off as partisan rhetoric.

PROPER ANSWER

"Did you ever see him at his Press Conferences? I suggest there's no mastery there - only, and to use the White House Words, 'DAMAGE CONTROL' - As regards tonite Mr. Reagan has 40 years experience reading from prepared lines" . . . . and then rip him - with anger and disgust.

TAX INCREASES

NOTE: If Mondale is the Democratic candidate, he should not fail to challenge Reagan to resign if Reagan, if re-elected, calls for a tax increase, this stance is to counter Reagan's unrealistic stance not to raise taxes in order to balance the budget or reduce the deficit. Mondale should not fear to state that if elected, he would have to raise taxes in order to reduce the deficit-budget; he should along with this statement challenge Reagan for being irresponsible for saying he will not raise taxes - Along with this charge - use the above challenge - "Resign if you raise taxes after saying you would not!!" - Stockman and Feldstein say publicly that taxes must be raised. - Also Senator Dole and most economist.

NOTES: All Democrats should challenge Reagan to have more press conferences - especially on contrast between his State of the Union statements and what actually was happening.

LEBANON - "Progress is being made". - With progress like that, who needs failure?

"America Standing tall" - actually forced to cut and run due to fall of Gemayel Government - (Also crushing on people on S.S. Disability).

"Economy brought back from brink of Disaster" - - Stock market goes through bottom and deficits guarantee recession in 1985 and 1986 - All economic experts say this to be true - Paul Vocker, etc. - plus higher inflation and higher interest rates. - Current Record Trade Deficits causing loss of 1½ million jobs.

NOTES: (1) Can Reagan be blamed (Partially?) for the break-up of A.T. & T.? If so, lets do it.

(2) The Press constantly states that access to Reagan in the regular course of affairs is almost impossible. This would seem to be grounds for some criticism - Is he sleeping? Just resting? Is he doing Government works? We should tie this in to announced White House strategy of 'staying
in the Rose Garden" during the campaign. Is he too old to come out? Why didn't he go to Moscow for Andropov's funeral?? Too tired? Would the trip be too much for him?

Seriously, I think that he can be beaten and rather easily - if the Democrats get their act together on a national level, in my opinion, they really missed the boat in 1982 when they did not use Stockman's and Marc Marks' words to show up Mr. Reagan - also Reagan's words as a candidate in 1980 promising economic prosperity, a balanced budget and low unemployment - and they were afraid to criticize Reagan because he was so "beloved". This was a key mistake as the American People then took it that Reagan was to be beloved and really was a nice guy. I feel that the Democrats should have won at least 50 seats in the House, not the 26 actually won.

Well, the Democrats are doing it again. I've read in Newsweek and other publications that the D.N.C. and other Democratic leaders are planning to attach Reagan on the "Fairness issue" and - foreign policy. But not on the economy. "Fairness" and foreign policy are good issues - as are the Environment (Watt, Lavelle, Burford, 20+ resignations and firings, etc.), the nice guy issue (eg - SSA attack on poor disabled persons, some of whom have died from their ailments or have committed suicide after being cut off), PIK program and it's waste, Pentagon waste and fraud, etc., etc., etc.

But these issues will fail if Reagan is conceded the economy. You know, I don't like Reagan, and I like to be fair, but there is no doubt in my mind that no President in history has had a more negative effect on the American economy (World too!) than Reagan and his Reaganomics.

Let's Look At The Facts

(1) Unemployment - Reagan has had an average unemployment rate of 9.5%+ in his first three years. President Carter, the so-called "Economic Disaster", had a rate of 6.25%. Unemployment was 7.6% when Carter took office. Despite the Opec oil price shocks (the real villain in the economic upheavals in the 1970's) Carter's last month showed a rate of 7.4%. Mr. Reagan is crowing about a rate of 8.2%, almost full point above the "Hopeless" Carter's final rate. (Rate now 7.5% But Average for Reagan still around 8.5%)

(2) Job Creation - Reagan is also crowing about the fact that more people are working than anytime in history. True, and this seems impressive until you again look at the facts. Total jobs went from around 89,000,00 to 100,000,000 during the Carter years, an average of about just under 3,000,000 a year. In Mr. Reagan's first two years, he actually had a negative job growth reversing a trend started during W.W.II. New jobs have increased three billion during the 1983 recovery giving Reagan an average of 1,000,000 a year. Reagan has the poorest average of all modern Presidents in number of new jobs - not anything to brag about. (Higher now - but still way under Carter's total Job Growth)
(3) Budget Deficits (See enclosed news-clip.) The Democrats must hammer hard on this issue and patiently explain it to the American people the interest on the debt has increased 50 billion since Reagan has been President.

Issues which should be used to send Mr. Reagan back to California

(1) I feel the issue that Reagan is most vulnerable and where the press and the Democratic party have been most silent (I can't imagine why) is an aspect of the "fairness" issue or what I call the "unfairness and extremism issue" - the unbelievable assault on our society's most helpless citizens, the handicapped who have been attacked by Reagan and his henchman under Social Security Disability. So many people have been unfairly "mugged" by the S.S.A., that it's sickening. (See news-clips). The Reagan administration knew that these people are the least likely to complain about their plight or even use their appeal rights. This issue must dispel Reagan "nice guy" image as I feel that even the hardest right-winger has some compassion in his/her heart for people who have severe handicaps. Look at the deaths and suicides caused by this onslaught.

(2) Special situations such as the fact that:

(A) We are in a recovery - not a boom! - recovery from the severe illness of Reaganomics. - Based on borrowed money due to high deficits.

(B) No real tax cut. State and local taxes have risen to match the federal cuts along with higher S.S. taxes due to Reagan's recession and excise taxes on telephone use, etc. - Also, when anyone buys anything on time, the increase in interest rates due to the high deficits negate any federal tax cut.

(C) The bombing of our embassy in Beirut. (See enclosed news-clips) Amazing that this has not reflected badly in Reagan. Carter was so criticized on Telran embassy, yet none of the hostages' lives were lost. Macho right-wingers would be calling for Carter's blood if the Beirut episodes with the embassy and the bombing of the marine barracks had occurred under Carter.

(3) President Reagan's physical and mental incompetency.

This issue has been covered by the press as shown by the enclosed news-clips, but I feel Democratic party and Presidential candidates have been much too quiet on this issue. It seems that they feel this may be "dirty pool" as an attack on Reagan's age - thus turning the aged against the party. Yet, doesn't the nation deserve a full-time President who has a firm grasp on the issues? It is obvious that we don't have a President like that now, and I feel it is a legitimate issue and one that has great value when one sees that Reagan will be almost 74 years old when he runs for re-election.
(4) All other issues such as environmental, total foreign policy failures, Republican dirty tricks, waste in the military and defense departments and many more too numerous to mention.

(5) 8-10-74 Ten-year anniversary of Nixon's resignation. Due to Watergate should be tied to the Reagan "sleeze factor" and also the fact that Nixon is in close contact with Reagan offering him advice. Key Phrase here in addition to "sleeze factor" is "Where is The Meese?" It's a disgrace that Reagan wants this man to be the nations' highest law-enforcement official. Meese is hiding until after the election.

(6) - In the election campaign, Reagan should be painted as the right-wing extremist that he is. Plea here would be for the Republican party to return to the center and that Reagan does not truly represent most people who vote Republican except the radical right. Tie him to Goldwater's 1964 acceptance speech where he said "... Extremism is no Vice ..."

(A)- 48 Hour Chilling News Blackout - Grenada.
(B)-Tax Exemption for School which preaches segregation.
(C)-No meeting with Russians to discuss peace. (Summit) (Mondale would have yearly meetings)
(D)- Budget cuts which have truly hurt the needy - see disability cuts above.
(E)- Willingness to engage in fruitless arms race which would bankrupt the world before it would kill it. Use expression "He scares me". Longs for days of "Civilized Wars" wants nerve gas - not libraries, needed roads and bridges. - Anything to defeat the "Evil Empire".
(F)- Dropping of Human Rights as Foreign Policy Goal. Haig said human rights not as important as stamping out terrorism. - Meaning was "welcome Dictators!!" "As long as you hate the commies, you're all right with us." Reagan has dropped human rights certification from qualifications for aid to El Salvador - his message - "Keep your death squads! - Just Keep your murders of American citizens to a minimum!"
(G)- He intends to cut entire Social Security System. He wanted to up retirement eligibility to age 68. He recently said young people won't get their fair share - trying to destroy their faith in entire system. He always has been for Voluntary S.S. - which would end the system.
(H)- Oversees yearly budget deficits of $150 Billion+. If re-elected his deficits will pass total deficits of country from Washington to Carter. His "No 1985 Tax" pledge is the height of irresponsibility. All his advisers including Feldstein, Stockman say taxes must be raised or deficits will to out of sight. His economic policies are bankrupting the country. Even hard right-wing Republicans used to be against deficit spending. If Carter had such deficits, they would be calling for his impeachment. (Bush called it "Voo-Doo Economics"!)
(I) His administration told Congress in 1981 that it was "seriously considering exploding a nuclear bomb in sparsely populated Europe to show the commies we mean business in Europe. In 1981, Reagan told European Reporters that the U.S. was fully capable of winning
a "limited" Nuclear War in Europe of course, this remark
tended to scare some "wimpish" Europeans - Some non-wimps
also tended to feel a bit of a chill.

(J)-President Ford was right in 1980 when he said Reagan was not
in mainstream of American Political Thought. Reagan with
friendly smile, good P.R. and ability to speak lines that strike
cord in most of us has covered up fact that he is a dangerous
radical - far to right of Ford, Nixon, Eisenhower or any other
American President. Just think what damage he'll do with a second
term with no political consideration. The Supreme Court will be
Bastion of moderate hating radicals. Reagan will declare outright
war on Poor, Disabled, Elderly.

(K)-Lyndon Larouche, an admitted radical right-winger ("Kissenger is
a Russian Agent") has been in frequent contact with Reagan's
White House - giving them "intelligence reports" on democratic
Presidential candidates that this man is being listened to and
not thrown out on his ear is truly frightening.

(L)-Nuclear Freeze - aside from the merits of this issue (Really now,
who could be against it?) Reagan has consistently impugned the
motives of those who support the freeze just about saying that
the leaders of the movement are pinkoes and all others for it are
just "dopes" of the communist movement.

(M)-It's jump on Reagan's threatening campaign rhetoric, "Democrats
are so left, they're leaving the country." This is disgraceful
and smacks of "McCarthyism".

(7) Incompetency Issue - Tie this in to what Geraldine Ferraro has called
the "What, Me Worry" President". Reagan seems to be oblivious (Senile?) to the
traumatic failures of his administration as well as to other negative world
events,

(A)-Reagan Arm-Wrestled with muscle magazine editor for White House
Photographers at the exact same time that State Department officials
were sheepishly explaining the details of our total failure in
Lebanon as well as plans for the evacuation in disgrace of our
troops for the Press.

(B)-In Falklands War, the British Ship "Sheffield" was sunk with loss
of over 250 lives. Reagan visited Knoxville's World Fair that
day and played peek-a-boo with his wife coming down the ramp
from his plane.

(C)-In Oct., 1983, on a Sunday, two marines were killed in Lebanon.
That day, Reagan cheerfully called Baltimore Orioles in locker
room and made jokes while congratulating the Orioles for winning
the Baseball Championship. When he returned to the White House
that night from Camp David, he proudly showed the White House
Press Corps his walnut collection gathered over the weekend from
Camp David.
(D) On 8-1-84, Reagan at his ranch was asked a foreign policy question by a member of the Press. Reagan had a Quizical, bewildered look on his face, he seemed stumped by the question. Out of the blue, his wife came to the rescue, she told Reagan, under her breath, to say "Everything we can". Reagan with sense of assuredness told the reporter "We're doing everything we can". (Some Dynamic Leader!) --(Kind of Frightening Also!).

(8) Cult of Personality - Reagan prefers smiles and "aw shucks" look over substance, Rhetoric over reality and information. When he was lobbying for his original tax and budget cuts. He made a T.V. speech where he gave an example of a southern farmer listening to his representative explain his position on Reagan's proposal. According to Reagan, the farmer interrupted the representative in his talk by saying "I'm not interested in your explanation, all I want to know is -- are you for him (Reagan) or again Him? Reagan in his speech saw this as a telling point -- that is -- in reality, it's don't bother me with the facts - I'm for him and that's it. This is also Reagan's attitude also. He uses antedoctal info to make up his mind on so many issues. He's not interested in getting into the depth of any issue -- eg; if he has example of one "Welfare Queen" - he surmises that all welfare recipients are like the "Welfare Queen".

GOOD COUNTERS FOR REAGAN SUPPORTER ARGUMENTS

(1) "Reagan is a tough guy and will not take anything from the Russians, They won't mess with him like the Wimp Carter."

TRUTH-1. What about Marshall Law and the crushing of solidarity in Poland?
2. Russians (according to Reagan) have never been more aggressive in South American than they have been during Reagan's presidency. Reagan always saying how bad and mischievous Cuba and Nicaragua are.
3. How tough can he be if Reagan ended grain boycott against Russians? His trade ambassador toasted Russinas in Moscow with champagne celebrating New Trade Agreement giving Russians interest rates of around 5% (Americans must pay 13-15%) on grain purchases.
4. Russian-backed Syria now new King-Pin in Middle East. We ran and hid in disgrace in Lebanon-our policy and our influence in that area-a total zero.

(2) "I like Reagan's stand against abortion, I think abortion is Wrong".

TRUTH-1. When Reagan was govenor of California, he signed the most liberal abortion law in U.S. history at the time.
2. After four years, we are no closer to a national anti-abortion law. Jesse Helms-a leading anti-abortionist has stated that Reagan has done "nothing" in fighting for anti-abortion laws in the U.S. Senate.

(3) "Mondale and the Democrats are big spenders and are all for handouts and give-aways. Mondale will give the store away!"

TRUTH - The store has been gone for awhile now and it was destroyed by "tough on spending" Reagan. He is the biggest spender in U.S. history. He has the biggest deficits by far in history. On 8-1-84, it was proven that the Pentagon under Reagan, has been
outrageously wasteful. For example, they have been paying $7,417.00 for a 3¢ alignment pin. Such examples of overcharging (Really Stealing) by Pentagon contractors abound. Independent estimates show that anywhere from 3 billion to 8 billion dollars have been wasted by the Reagan administration just on spare parts purchases. The General Accounting Office (6,4.0.) has estimated that for every $1.00 wasted by fraud on improper procedures for social spending, there is $8.00 of such waste in military spending due to cost over-years, alone situation on spare parts, etc. With Reagan's increased military budget that ratio is now around $11 to 1.

The PIK program (Payment-in-kind farm subsidy program) has been a bonanza for Reagan's rich buddies, and a disaster for the rest of us, Newsweek Magazine on 7-25-83 has written "... PIK has been the administration's biggest agricultural disaster, a $12 billion boondoggle..."

(4) "Reagan has brought down inflation and interest rates from the high levels brought about from the policies of Jimmy Carter".

TRUTH! - Wrong again, uninformed - breath. Interest rates and inflation up during Carter's presidency through no policy or policies of Carter. (See above.) Inherited inflation and super Opec oil increases were just about the total culprits. Reagan had nothing positively to do with lowering inflation and interest rates. These came down primarily as a result of the worst recession in history and the huge reduction in Opec oil prices. These facts are undeniable.

(5) "Reagan has restored our military to a position of strength and power from the weakness under Jimmy Carter".

TRUTH! - Despite all the huge increases in military spending, the U.S. House Appropriations Committee's defense subcommittee study as of 7/31/84, shows that our military capacity in a conventional war has actually DECREASED under the Reagan Administration. Only 2 of 16 active Army divisions were rated "combat ready." A tanks battalion with 54 tanks had only 39 tanks crews to operate them. The 386 page report posed this question: After spending $1 trillion for defense since 1981, is the U.S. military ready to fight? The answer was "NO"! The culprit is Reagan's plans to spend most of the huge military expenditures for every exotic weapon systems coming down the pike and ignoring conventional readiness. The Secretary of Defense, Casper Weinburger, has been totally inept in handling his job and this has been a factor also.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Voter Registration

I'm sure that the Democratic National Committee, the Mondale campaign and the organized Democrat units will be working on voter registration drives. But
I also feel in addition to these organized efforts, loud and broadcasted one-on-one voter registration efforts, that is, anyone who feels that Reagan has been a disaster the last several years and will be a catastrophe if re-elected should involve himself/herself in individual effort to inform themselves of local voter registration laws, if obtain registration-by-mail applications if available and make an outreach to anyone willing to listen to get to the polls and vote after registering. Calls should be made to local election bureaus for complete details on procedures for registering and of course, voting.

Many people have a fear of being called for Jury duty after registering to vote and that is why they refuse to register to vote. I don't know about other states, but New Jersey now maintains juror lots by obtaining the list of registered drivers. Therefore, in New Jersey, not registering to vote will not save you from jury duty. This is an important consideration in conducting an individual voter registration drive in New Jersey.

Gloucester County Election Bureau - 853-3200

Camden County Board of Elections - 757-8038

I feel that this could be an important factor in forging a Mondale victory. I know many people who desperately want Reagan out as President and are just wondering what they could do in a small way to help the cause.

Let's Get Going - We Can Do It!!!
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