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MONDALE/FERRARO

for America

October 5, 1984

Dr. Fritz K.H. Bauer
[REDACTED] FUR SIE
Hamburg, West Germany

Dear Dr. Bauer:

Thank you for your interest in interviewing Vice Presidential Candidate Geraldine Ferraro. Unfortunately, such an interview is impossible between now and the election.

I hope the enclosed material will answer most of the questions you have posed. In addition, I have enclosed a statement by Rep. Ferraro which deals with some of the particular issues you raise.

I hope this meets the needs of your magazine.

Sincerely,

Marsha Ackermann
Ferraro Campaign Aide

enc.

My nomination as Vice President is historic. This is the first time that a major United States political party has put a woman on the ticket. In their letters and at my campaign stops, mothers and fathers are telling me how their daughters are now talking about how they want to grow up to be President or Vice President. I am proud to be playing a role in opening the doors of opportunity for women but I also know we still have a great deal of progress to make before men and women of all religions, races and ethnic origins have a similar opportunity.

Thanks in small part to my candidacy and in large part to the dedication and hard work of countless partisan and bipartisan civic groups, more American women are expected to vote than ever before in the 64 years since women won the right to vote. It is estimated that some 10 million of the 28 million unregistered women voters will be registered in time for the election November 6.

I support a strong defense. I do not support a substantial cutback in military spending. What I do support is a more reasonable increase in American defense spending and the elimination of inexcusable waste in the way we spend our defense dollars. I also believe our allies in Europe have an obligation to fulfill their commitment to NATO by increasing their defense budgets by 3%.

The public person I most admire is the late Eleanor Roosevelt. Born to wealth and privilege, she gave of herself unselfishly to better the life of all Americans and to build bridges to other nations. In private life, I honor my mother for the hard work and sacrifice she endured in order to provide me with the education I needed to succeed. She is truly a very special person.