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Letter from a German Supporter to Geraldine Ferraro

Geraldine Ferraro

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Dear Geraldine Ferrero,

This letter is to say that I can make a tremendous contribution to your campaign!

Not money but a good idea!

Before I describe my idea, please note who I am and why I write:

1. Theodore Roosevelt was given voice lessons (speech, not singing) by John Wesley Wetzel. He founded the fraternity I belonged to at college, and for that reason he gave me private tutoring at Columbia University, where he taught: one half hour a week for a semester, 1928.

2. John Huston, movie producer and actor, directed the production of speeches on the radio to broadcast into Germany during World War II. In 1944 I delivered two speeches for him under this govt program. John Huston told me I had the best speaking voice he had ever heard! (Thanks to John W. Wetzel’s coaching.)

3. I taught at Washington Square College, N.Y.U., from 1933 until 1945. I was in the education service of the U.S. military from 1945 until 1969 — as an adviser.

4. On one typewritten page I can outline John W. Wetzel’s training program to take the noises out of the voice and put music even into the spoken voice!

(PTO)
Not how to sing but how to speak melodiously!

5. As my contribution to your campaign for the Vice-Presidency - which I want to support as best I can - I will write out and type out a program of spoken voice training - at no cost to you or the Democratic Party!

6. All I need is a note from your office that you will accept my offering!!

My name and address:

[Redacted]

6950 Kaiserlautern
West Germany

P.S. I am a retired civil servant and would be happy to phone your office staff to show off my voice - at age 80!!