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Letter from a New Jersey Supporter to Geraldine Ferraro

Geraldine Ferraro

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Mr. David Brinkley
THIS WEEK WITH DAVID BRINKLEY
ABC
1330 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10019

WASHINGTON DESK

Dear Mr. Brinkley:

My family and I think Geraldine Ferrare acquitted herself on your August 19th program with forthrightness, diplomacy and aplomb, and without cue cards. We see her as qualified to become the Vice President of the United States.

We think the time has come, now that the lengthy inquisition of her finances is over (showing that she has the stamina, integrity, ability and good judgement to serve) proving that she did not use her position as a Congresswoman improperly, for you and other members of the press to give the same attention to President Reagan and VP George Bush. It is imperative for the public to know if these two men can take the same treatment from the press without the use of cue cards. We have never seen Ronald Reagan put to a similar test.

Both Mrs. Thatcher and Mrs. Ghandi dispelled the fear that women could not handle such a political responsibility. Mr. Mondale has been accused of pandering by selecting Mrs. Ferrare but President Reagan does the same thing without comments from the press. He courted the fundamentalist right-wingers with school-prayer and anti-abortion legislation and failed to support the ERA because of them. The centrist Republicans have said they will stick and not leave the party but the right-wingers were going to take their marbles and go home if they didn't get their way with the party platform etc.

The press demeaned Mondale by questioning his managerial ability for failing to foresee these problems but they continue to fail to question R.W. Reagan for his failures (Lebanon, Central America etc.) and for the personal and political problems of his appointees (Moose, Wick, Watts, Burford, Casey and others). We perceive the press as having coated RWR with "TEFLON" but paraphrasing Harry Truman "The buck stops with the president." Why isn't the President questioned for his responsibility for these circumstances????

The Freedom of the press is an absolute necessity for the maintenance of this country but they should use a modicum of judgement. It is detestable for them to question anyone before or after attending church. Everyone has the right to attend church without having their peace-of-mind disrupted, especially at the conclusion of the service by the press.

Whenever we are at home on Sunday morning we watch your program with much enjoyment.

Yours truly,

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Telephone

22 August 1984

Honorable George Bush
Vice President
The Whitehouse
Washington DC 20500

Dear Vice President Bush:

I don't think you are much of a statesman or gentleman for the speech you made this morning in Dallas criticizing Geraldine Ferrare on her finances and making fun of her representing "Archie Bunker land." I am both disappointed and disheartened that you could make such statements.

Mrs. Ferraro acquitted herself with dignity, forthrightness, integrity and aplomb at the press conference yesterday and on the David Brinkley program last Sunday morning. She has more than demonstrated that she did not use her position as a Congresswoman for the benefit of herself, her husband or business acquaintances. Can you say the same for yourself?

Mrs. Ferraro stood up against more "heat" from the press yesterday than has any other American politician in my lifetime. She demonstrated within the past few weeks that she has much or more qualifications than Margaret Thatcher or Mrs. Gandhi to govern and to be the Vice President of this country. She came across with honest dignity and revealed much more of her family finances than necessary or required (much more than you ever did) thus proving her political integrity without a doubt.

As John Houseman says "She earned it the old-fashioned way" and so has her mother. That is more than you can say who was born to wealth, affluence and an Ivy-league education.

Moreover, she stood up for herself, which is more than Edwin Meese has done, he let his wife be his public vicar of family finances on the Barbara Walters program.

Yours truly,



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