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TELECONFERENCE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1984

AS THIS ELECTION COMES DOWN TO ITS FINAL DAYS, I AM DELIGHTED TO HAVE THE CHANCE TO SHARE WITH YOU MY FEELINGS ON WHAT THIS CAMPAIGN HAS MEANT TO ME.

IN MY ACCEPTANCE SPEECH AT THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION, I SAID THAT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY HAS NEVER BEEN SO NEAR, NOR DISCRIMINATION SO DISTANT, AS WHEN WALTER MONDALE ASKED ME TO BE HIS RUNNING MATE.

IT WAS A MOMENT FOR EVERY AMERICAN WOMAN TO SAY: IF WE CAN DO THIS, WE CAN DO ANYTHING.

WELL, THREE MONTHS HAVE GONE BY SINCE THEN, AND FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN I AM CONVINCED THAT ON JANUARY 20, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE GOING TO PUT WALTER MONDALE IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

I CAN SEE ^{THEIR} ~~THE~~ DETERMINATION IN LARGE AND ENERGETIC CROWDS. /
IN SAN JOSE
I SAW IT ~~AGAIN~~ THE OTHER DAY WHEN WAITRESSES WHO HAD NEVER ^{Before} CONTRIBUTED TO A POLITICAL CANDIDATE ~~BEFORE~~ PAID \$65 -- WHICH THEY REALLY COULDN'T SPARE -- TO CONTRIBUTE TO MONDALE-FERRARO. //

IN COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, PEOPLE RECENTLY STOOD IN A POURING RAIN FOR HOURS JUST FOR A CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CAMPAIGN.

I ENJOY FLATTERY, BUT THESE PEOPLE ARE NOT DOING THESE THINGS JUST FOR GERRY FERRARO. / THEY CARE ABOUT THIS ELECTION AND THEY CARE ABOUT AMERICA. / AND THEY KNOW THAT THIS ELECTION IS A FIGHT OVER THE HEART AND SOUL OF OUR COUNTRY.

IT'S ABOUT PEOPLE TODAY WHO DESERVE A BETTER BREAK: / THE FARMERS CRUSHED BY HIGH INTEREST RATES, / THE STEELWORKERS WHOSE JOBS HAVE BEEN SENT OVERSEAS, / THE HIGH-TECH COMPANIES HANDICAPPED BY OUR TRADE PROBLEMS, / AND THE ELDERLY STRUGGLING TO MAINTAIN THEIR DIGNITY. /

BUT ~~THIS ELECTION~~ / IS NOT JUST ABOUT TODAY OR TOMORROW: / IT'S ABOUT A BETTER ^{FUTURE} FOR MY CHILDREN AND FOR YOURS.

I LOOK AT MY CHILDREN AND I SAY TO MYSELF: WHAT DO I WANT FOR THEM? AND THE ANSWER IS, / I WANT FOR MY CHILDREN AND FOR EVERY CHILD / A WORLD ^{AT} OF PEACE. //

RONALD REAGAN HAS PUT ARMS CONTROL ON THE BACK BURNER FOR FOUR YEARS. IMAGINE WHAT HE WOULD DO WITH FOUR MORE YEARS. STOPPING THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE IS NOT JUST ANOTHER ISSUE. / IT'S THE ISSUE IN THIS CAMPAIGN. *

I WANT FOR OUR CHILDREN CLEAN AIR AND PURE WATER. / WE'RE TRUSTEES OF OUR ENVIRONMENT -- NOT ITS OWNERS, / AND WE OWE IT TO OUR CHILDREN TO PASS THIS EARTH ON TO THEM AS BEAUTIFUL AS IT WAS WHEN WE RECEIVED IT. /

✓ I WANT FOR EVERY CHILD IN THIS COUNTRY THE SAME OPPORTUNITY MY OWN CHILDREN HAVE / -- TO DEVELOP THEIR TALENTS, / OPEN THEIR MINDS, / AND GO WHEREVER THEIR DREAMS WILL TAKE THEM. //

AND LET ME MENTION WHAT I ~~DON'T~~ WANT FOR OUR CHILDREN. / I
DON'T WANT TO HEAR, AS I HAVE IN CALIFORNIA AND OHIO, THAT TOXIC
CHEMICALS ARE SEEPING INTO ~~AQUIFERS~~ *ground water*.

I DON'T WANT TO STICK OUR CHILDREN WITH THE BILL FOR OUR
DEFICITS. / I DON'T WANT TO SADDLE THEM WITH A RUNAWAY ARMS RACE.
AND I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE THEM A GOVERNMENT THAT INTRUDES IN
THEIR PRIVATE LIVES. //

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MOST OF ALL, I WANT THEM TO HAVE THE SAME VALUES I LEARNED
AS A CHILD. / I WAS TAUGHT TO CARE ABOUT MY FAMILY, MY NEIGHBORS,
AND THOSE IN NEED. / I LEARNED TO LOVE MY COMMUNITY / AND THIS
COUNTRY. THOUGH I LEARNED TO VALUE ACHIEVEMENT / I WAS TAUGHT
THERE ARE MANY THINGS MORE IMPORTANT THAN SIMPLY GETTING AHEAD:
~~THINGS~~ LIKE MY FAMILY, MY FAITH, AND ~~MY~~ FREEDOM.

IN AMERICA, WE DO NOT HONOR AMBITION UNCHECKED BY PRINCIPLE /
POWER UNTEMPERED BY COMPASSION / OR THE PURSUIT OF WEALTH JUST FOR
ITS OWN SAKE. /

AND HERE'S WHERE WALTER MONDALE AND I PART COMPANY WITH OUR
OPPONENTS. / GEORGE BUSH HAS SAID THIS ELECTION IS ONLY ABOUT
PUTTING MONEY INTO THE VOTER'S WALLET. / OF COURSE WE CARE ABOUT
MONEY, BUT THAT'S ONLY ONE THING. / NOT EVERYTHING AMERICANS CARE
ABOUT.

WE CARE ABOUT PEACE, WE CARE ABOUT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, AND
THE ONE THING OUR OPPONENTS JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND IS THAT WE CARE
ABOUT EACH OTHER. //

I WOULDN'T BE IN POLITICS IF I DIDN'T CARE ABOUT PEOPLE. ///
AND THIS COUNTRY WOULDN'T BE SO GREAT / IF IT WERE NOT ALSO GOOD. //

THINK OF WHAT THE NEXT FOUR YEARS WOULD BE LIKE IF RONALD
REAGAN WERE RE-ELECTED. / THEN, THINK OF WHAT OUR FUTURE COULD BE
LIKE WITH WALTER MONDALE AS PRESIDENT. //

LET OTHERS SAY THIS ELECTION CANNOT BE WON. / I SAY IT CAN
BE. / I SAY IT MUST BE. / AND I SAY, WITH YOUR HELP / IT WILL BE. //

Thank you

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