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THANK YOU, PAT, FOR THAT TERRIFIC INTRODUCTION. I'M REALLY HAPPY TO BE UP HERE WITH SO MANY OF NEW YORK'S GREAT LEADERS. IN PAT MOYNIHAN, NEW YORKERS HAVE A SENATOR WHO BRINGS WISDOM TO OUR INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES ABROAD AND PROTECTS VITAL PROGRAMS LIKE SOCIAL SECURITY AT HOME.

I'M ALSO DELIGHTED TO SEE TWO COLLEAGUES WHO ARE OF A MORE CONVENIENT SIZE THAN PAT, REPRESENTATIVES JOHN LAFALCE AND HENRY NOWAK. I WAS HERE IN MARCH AND TOOK THE HARBOR WITH HENRY AND VISITED THE TUGBOATS. WITH YOUR HELP, JOE, FRITZ MONDALE AND I ARE GOING TO WIN ERIE COUNTY, AND ALL OF NEW YORK.
DEFICIT REDUCTION PLAN. HE INTRODUCED THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE
ON MONDAY, WALTER MONDALE SHowered THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OUR

POLLED. I
POLLS HAVE SOME DOUBTS, BUT I DON'T. LET ME TAKE MY OWN

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BUDGET PROPOSAL ANY CANDIDATE HAS PRODUCED. AND LET ME TELL YOU THAT TOOK GUTS.

HE SHOWED THE DEFICIT CAN BE CUT, AND IT CAN BE CUT FAIRLY.

REAGAN HASN'T EVEN LEARNED IT CAN BE CUT -- MUCH LESS HOW TO CUT IT FAIRLY.

THEN HE ASKED MR. REAGAN A SIMPLE QUESTION: WHERE'S YOUR PLAN?

ON TUESDAY, TO NOBODY'S SURPRISE, WE DIDN'T GET A GLIMPSE OF MR. REAGAN'S PLAN. INSTEAD OF SPECIFICS, WE GOT AN EARFUL OF REPUBLICAN DOOM AND GLOOM. THEY SAID: IT CAN'T WORK AND IT WON'T WORK. BUT THEY DIDN'T TELL US WHAT THEY'D DO.

ON WEDNESDAY, MR. REAGAN CAME HERE TO BUFFALO. AND HE STOPPED OFF AT THE SANTA MARIA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER. WHILE HE WAS THERE HE CALLED IT A "WONDERFUL" PLACE AND A "TRULY GREAT"
DEVELOPMENT. BUT HE MUST HAVE HAD AN ATTACK OF SEPTEMBER AMNESIA THERE, BECAUSE HE FORGOT TO TELL YOU SOMETHING.

HE FORGOT TO TELL YOU THAT HE WANTED TO SLASH THE FUNDING FOR CENTERS LIKE SANTA MARIA. IF THE DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS HAD NOT STOPPED HIM FROM CUTTING THAT VITAL MONEY, HE WOULD HAVE HAD TO HOLD HIS PHOTO OPPORTUNITY SOMEWHERE ELSE. AND HUNDREDS OF SENIOR CITIZENS WOULD BE WITHOUT DECENT HOUSING.

AND THEN YESTERDAY, WHILE WALTER MONDALE ANSWERED QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR PLAN TO REDUCE THE DEFICIT, MR. REAGAN WAS IN NASHVILLE, LISTENING TO THE MUSIC. BUT HE STILL WOULDN'T FACE IT. THREE DAYS HAD PASSED SINCE WE SHOWED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OUR PLAN, BUT THE ADMINISTRATION WAS STILL PLAYING "THE SOUNDS OF SILENCE."

AND NOW IT'S FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14. WHAT AREN'T THEY GOING TO TALK ABOUT TODAY? IF IT'S LIKE ANY OTHER DAY THIS YEAR, THEY'LL STONED WALL ON THE DEFICIT, HOLD OUT ON THE BUDGET AND KEEP QUIET.
WHAT WORRIES ME IS THAT CUTTING PROGRAMS LIKE SANTA MARIA MAY BE RONALD REAGAN'S WAY OF DEALING WITH DEFICIT IF HE IS RE-ELECTED. BUT THAT'S NOT THE WAY FRITZ MONDALE WILL LOWER THE DEFICIT. WE'VE ALREADY SEEN HIS PLAN, AND WE KNOW THAT IT IS FAIR. HIS PLAN SHOWS THAT WE CAN BRING DOWN DEFICITS AND INTEREST RATES. BUT IT TAKES STRONG LEADERSHIP AND STRAIGHT TALK. IF DEFICITS ARE BAD -- AND THEY ARE -- THEN LET'S REDUCE THEM. IF TAXES MUST GO UP TO DO THAT, AND THEY WILL NO MATTER WHO IS ELECTED, THEN LET'S RAISE THEM FAIRLY. AND IF OUR LEADERS WON'T LEVEL WITH US -- THEN LET'S REPLACE THEM WITH ONE THAT WILL.