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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: GERALDINE A. FERRARO
FR: VICKY RIDEOUT

RE: SYRACUSE, NEW YORK OPEN FUNDRAISER -- TALKING POINTS
Saturday, September 15, 1984

RECOGNITIONS

* MAYOR ALEXANDER, FOR HIS WONDERFUL INTRODUCTION. MAYOR ALEXANDER IS ONE OF OUR PARTY'S LEADING THINKERS ON URBAN POLICY ISSUES, AND HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM WAS INVALUABLE.

* FORMER CONGRESSMAN JIM HANLEY, WHO SERVED WITH SUCH DISTINCTION IN THE HOUSE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE POST OFFICE AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE.

* JOSEPH FAYHE (FAY-HE), BILL MAZUR, AND JACK MCAULIFFE, THREE OF OUR MOST ACTIVE DEMOCRATIC PARTY SUPPORTERS, FOR ALL OF THEIR HARD WORK IN MAKING THIS EVENT SUCH A SUCCESS.

* FUTURE CONGRESSMAN THOMAS BUCKEL (BUCKLE), WHO WILL GIVE THE PEOPLE OF SYRACUSE THE ENERGETIC AND IMAGINATIVE VOICE IN CONGRESS THEY DESERVE,

* AND ALL OF YOU HERE TODAY, FOR HELPING OUR DEMOCRATIC VICTORY FUND AS WE MOVE TOWARD OUR GOAL OF 27 MILLION DOLLARS. THANKS TO YOU, WE'RE WELL ON OUR WAY.

ISSUES

I DON'T NEED TO CONVINCe ANYONE IN THIS ROOM HOW IMPORTANT THE ELECTION OF 1984 IS. THIS ELECTION WILL MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD:

- IT WILL MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT IS PRESERVED AND PROTECTED OR ONE THAT IS AUCTIONED OFF TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.

- IT WILL MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A QUALITY EDUCATION FOR OUR CHILDREN OR CONTINUED SLASHING OF THE BUDGET FOR EDUCATION.

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- IT WILL MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LOWER INTEREST RATES AND TRADE DEFICITS OR ECONOMIC CHAOS CAUSED BY REAGAN'S RECORD-BREAKING DEFICITS.

- IT WILL MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A SECURE RETIREMENT FOR OUR ELDERLY OR MORE CUTS IN SOCIAL SECURITY.

I HAVE NEWS FOR MR. REAGAN: THE PEOPLE OF SYRACUSE WANT A PRESIDENT WHO RESPECTS LABOR UNIONS AT HOME, AND NOT JUST THOSE IN POLAND.

AND THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY WANT A PRESIDENT WHO WILL DO SOMETHING ABOUT ACID RAIN, NOT LET THE LAKES OF NEW YORK STATE LIE DEAD WHILE HE STUDIES THE ISSUE.

AND WE WANT A PRESIDENT WHO WILL GIVE OUR HANDICAPPED AND INDIAN CHILDREN THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO LEARN, NOT JUST SEND A TEACHER INTO OUTER SPACE.

I THINK IT'S GREAT THAT A TEACHER WILL BE THE FIRST PRIVATE CITIZEN TO TRAVEL ON THE SPACE SHUTTLE. THE ONLY THING I WORRY ABOUT IS THAT THEY MIGHT RUN INTO REAGAN'S MILE HIGH DEFICIT, AND WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE A GOOD TEACHER!

SO THE CHOICE THISYEAR IS CLEAR, AND THE ISSUES ARE VITAL. BUT THE ONLY WAY WE CAN WIN THIS ELECTION IS THROUGH HARD WORK.

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RONALD REAGAN WON IN 1980 BECAUSE MILLIONS OF AMERICANS STAYED HOME.
WE CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN AGAIN.

WE NEED EVERY SINGLE ELIGIBLE DEMOCRAT IN SYRACUSE REGISTERED TO VOTE AND
AT THE POLLS ON NOVEMBER 6. AND WE NEED YOUR HARD WORK TO MAKE SURE
THAT HAPPENS.

FOR THE NEXT 52 DAYS, WALTER MONDALE AND I NEED YOUR ENERGIES, YOUR
EFFORTS, AND YOUR ENTHUSIASM. TOGETHER, WE CAN WIN THIS ELECTION.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.