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and will make the difference
in November for the country by
electing Fritz Mondale president

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS -- DALEY CENTER RALLY

SEPTEMBER 19, 1984

I WANT TO THANK PAUL SIMON FOR THAT GREAT INTRODUCTION. I
KNOW HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WILL MISS HIM
NEXT JANUARY. BUT PAUL AND I WILL BE SEEING A LOT OF EACH OTHER
WHEN HE GETS TO THE SENATE AND I GET TO THE VICE PRESIDENCY.

*Illinois made the difference for Fritz - March
selected*

YOU KNOW, WHEN FRITZ MONDALE ~~NOMINATED~~ ME IN JULY, I WAS
TALKING TO AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE IN QUEENS, WHO'S NOT ONLY A
REPUBLICAN, BUT A METS FAN. WE WERE NEARLY IN THE SHADOW OF SHEA
STADIUM, SO THE TALK TURNED TO BASEBALL. WELL, NOT JUST
BASEBALL. WHAT HE SAID WAS FRITZ MONDALE AND I HAD AS MUCH
CHANCE TO WIN THE ELECTION IN NOVEMBER/AS THE CUBS DID TO BE IN
FIRST PLACE IN SEPTEMBER. AND I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU, I THINK HE
WAS RIGHT. //

I MAY NOT BE OLD ENOUGH TO REMEMBER THE LAST TIME THE ^{Cubs} CUBS
WERE IN THE WORLD SERIES, BUT I DO REMEMBER WHEN RONALD REAGAN
WAS SPOKESMAN FOR GENERAL ELECTRIC. HE USED TO SAY, "PROGRESS IS
OUR MOST IMPORTANT PRODUCT." WELL, HE CAN'T SAY THAT AS
PRESIDENT.

WHERE OTHER PRESIDENTS WORKED TO CLEAN THE AIR, HELP THE
POOR, AND PASS THE E.R.A., / RONALD REAGAN HAS FOGGED THE AIR,
HELPED THE RICH, AND PASSED THE BUCK. //

RONALD REAGAN SAYS \$200 BILLION DEFICITS DON'T NEED TO BE
REDUCED, BUT I SAY LET'S GET THEM DOWN, AND LET'S DO IT FAIRLY.

RONALD REAGAN SAYS WE HAVE A GLORIOUS RECOVERY, BUT I SAY WE
WON'T HAVE A COMPLETE RECOVERY UNTIL ALL 500,000 ILLINOIS JOBLESS
HAVE RECOVERED THEIR JOBS. /

RONALD REAGAN SAYS WHEN IT COMES TO CUTTING THE BUDGET,
ELDERLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN SHOULD BE SACRIFICED FIRST, BUT I SAY /
SOCIAL SECURITY IS A CONTRACT, AND THE ELDERLY HAVE A RIGHT TO
LIVE IN DIGNITY. //

RONALD REAGAN SAYS WE SHOULD CUT EDUCATION FUNDS AND WANTS
TO LAUNCH A TEACHER INTO SPACE. BUT I SAY LET'S HELP STUDENTS
AND TEACHERS HERE ON EARTH.

AND RONALD REAGAN SAYS 115 MILLION WOMEN DON'T NEED EQUAL
RIGHTS ^{IN} ~~UNDER~~ THE CONSTITUTION. BUT I SAY LET'S PASS THE E.R.A.
AND LET'S DO IT NOW.

ON NOVEMBER 6TH, YOU CAN CHOOSE TO SIT BACK WITH RONALD REAGAN, OR YOU CAN CHOOSE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH WALTER MONDALE AND GERRY FERRARO.

IN FACT, YOU FACE THE MOST IMPORTANT ELECTION IN YEARS BECAUSE ON TOP OF ALL THESE CHOICES, THERE IS THE MOST PROFOUND CHOICE OF ALL: WHICH LEADER CAN BUILD A SAFER WORLD.

EVERY GENERATION FACES ONE OVERRIDING PROBLEM. FOR OURS, IT IS TO FREEZE THE ARMS RACE AND KEEP THE PEACE. // NEXT TO THAT, ALL OTHER GOALS PALE. NEXT TO THAT COMMON CAUSE / ALL OUR SEPARATE AGENDAS MUST GIVE WAY. / MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT: THE ARMS RACE IS THE PARAMOUNT ISSUE OF THIS CAMPAIGN AND OF OUR TIME. /

THERE IS ONLY ONE SANE POLICY IN A NUCLEAR AGE, AND THAT IS A POLICY OF NEGOTIATED ARMS CONTROL. FRITZ MONDALE AND I ARE COMMITTED TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE RUSSIANS AND ACHIEVE A VERIFIABLE, MEANINGFUL ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT.

RONALD REAGAN HAS OPPOSED EVERY ARMS CONTROL TREATY EVER NEGOTIATED. IF JOHN KENNEDY HAD LISTENED TO RONALD REAGAN, WE WOULD NOT HAVE A TEST BAN TREATY. / AND TODAY OUR ATMOSPHERE WOULD BE POLLUTED WITH RADIATION, RAISING THE RISK OF BONE CANCER FOR OUR CHILDREN.

IF LYNDON JOHNSON HAD LISTENED TO RONALD REAGAN, THE DANGER WOULD BE GREATER THAN IT ALREADY IS THAT A KHOMEINI, QUADAFI OR THE PLO MIGHT GET THEIR HANDS ON THE BOMB.

IF RICHARD NIXON HAD LISTENED TO RONALD REAGAN/WE WOULD NOT HAVE AN ABM TREATY, AND THE SOVIETS WOULD BE A BIGGER THREAT THAN THEY ARE TODAY.

*and I'm no
fan of
Nixon*

AND IF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE LISTEN TO RONALD REAGAN RIGHT NOW, WE WILL HAVE AN ARMS RACE IN SPACE. I SAY, INSTEAD OF EXTENDING THE ARMS RACE TO THE HEAVENS, LET'S STOP IT HERE ON EARTH.

*lets stop investing so much in the arms
race + star interesting move in the lunar race*

ARMS CONTROL IS NOT A GIFT TO THE RUSSIANS. IT IS IN OUR OWN INTEREST. THAT'S WHY THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF HAVE BACKED EVERY ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT WE EVER NEGOTIATED.

IT'S TIME RONALD REAGAN UNDERSTOOD WHAT THE REST OF US HAVE KNOWN ALL ALONG. AND IF THIS PRESIDENT CAN'T STOP EXCHANGING INSULTS AND START EXCHANGING SOUND PROPOSALS TO CONTROL NUCLEAR WEAPONS, THEN IT'S TIME TO EXCHANGE THIS PRESIDENT FOR ONE WHO WILL.

BUT WE NEED MORE THAN A PRESIDENT WHO WANTS ARMS CONTROL, WE
NEED A PRESIDENT WHO CAN MANAGE THE WEAPONS WE ALREADY HAVE.
RONALD REAGAN SAYS HE CAN CALL BACK SUBMARINE-LAUNCHED MISSILES -
WHEN HE CAN'T. / HE THINKS OUR ONLY NUCLEAR MISSILES ARE
LAND-BASED -- WHEN THEY AREN'T. // AND HE SAYS THE SOVIET UNION IS
THE SUPERIOR NUCLEAR FORCE -- WHEN IT ISN'T. //

IF THERE'S A GOOD ARGUMENT FOR HIS WAYWARD POLICIES, LET HIM
GIVE IT.

IF THERE'S A REASON FOR HIS RADICALISM, LET HIM EXPLAIN IT.

BUT IF THERE'S NO DEFENSE FOR HIS RECORD, THEN LET'S REPLACE
HIM.

CONTRAST THE REAGAN RECORD OF MISUNDERSTANDING AND INACTION
WITH WALTER MONDALE. WALTER MONDALE HAS BEEN A LEADER FOR ARMS
CONTROL. HE WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TO SUPPORT A
NUCLEAR FREEZE. AND TODAY, HE WANTS TO STOP THE ARMS RACE BEFORE
IT FLIES INTO ORBIT.

I WANT A PRESIDENT WHO CALLS ON THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP ON HIS
FIRST DAY IN OFFICE, NOT ON THE FIRST DAY OF HIS RE-ELECTION
CAMPAIGN.

I WANT A PRESIDENT WHO TELLS US HIS PLAN FOR CONTROLLING
NUCLEAR WEAPONS TODAY, NOT AFTER THE ELECTION. //

I WANT A PRESIDENT WHO WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO
NEGOTIATE A MUTUAL VERIFIABLE FREEZE. //

I WANT A PRESIDENT WHO WILL DECLARE A MORATORIUM ON
UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTING, AND CHALLENGE THE SOVIETS TO RESPOND
IN KIND.

WE STAND AT A CROSSROADS THIS YEAR. / THE ARMS RACE IS
SPEEDING UP AND BECOMING LESS CONTROLLABLE. / MORE THAN EVER WE
NEED A PRESIDENT WITH THE WILL TO STAND UP TO THE RUSSIANS, AND
THE WISDOM / TO SIT DOWN WITH THEM TO NEGOTIATE AN END TO THE
NUCLEAR ARMS RACE. // THAT'S THE KIND OF PRESIDENT FRITZ MONDALE
WILL BE. //

IF WE SUCCEED IN CONTROLLING THE ARMS RACE, WE WILL TAKE A
GIANT STEP BACK FROM THE BRINK OF WAR. BUT THAT WILL NOT BE
ENOUGH. WE MUST NOT ONLY REDUCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS; WE MUST ALSO
REDUCE TENSIONS.

TODAY THERE ARE CIVIL WARS AND OTHER CONFLICTS BEING WAGED AROUND THE WORLD. TWO MILLION PEOPLE ARE FIGHTING AND DYING AS WE MEET. BUT INSTEAD OF COOLING THESE HOT SPOTS, IN SOME CASES THIS ADMINISTRATION IS THROWING FUEL ON THE FIRE.

IN CENTRAL AMERICA, WE'RE MILITARIZING A CONFLICT THAT COULD BE SOLVED BY PEACEFUL MEANS, AND WE ARE AMERICANIZING A CONFLICT THAT IS PRIMARILY LOCAL.

I SAY IT'S TIME WE STOP THE COVERT WAR IN NICARAGUA, AND START PROMOTING NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES IN EL SALVADOR.

WE'RE MAKING A MISTAKE TODAY IN CENTRAL AMERICA, AND WE MADE ONE BEFORE IN LEBANON. OVER 250 YOUNG MEN DIED ON A MISSION WITHOUT A PURPOSE AND FOR A POLICY THAT HAS NEVER BEEN EXPLAINED.

A President must know where

A PRESIDENT MUST KNOW WHERE TO USE FORCE AND WHEN, BUT HE MUST ALSO KNOW WHEN IT SHOULD NOT BE USED. LET'S UNDERSTAND THE WORLD BEFORE WE ARM IT. AND LET'S HAVE A PRESIDENT WHO SENDS IN THE DIPLOMATS BEFORE HE SENDS IN THE MARINES.

WAR AND PEACE IS ^{in this} ~~THE~~ ISSUE ~~OF OUR~~ CAMPAIGN AND OF OUR TIME.
YOU HAVE A CHOICE THIS YEAR BETWEEN AN AMIABLE PRESIDENT WHO IS
MAKING A DANGEROUS WORLD MORE DANGEROUS, AND A LEADER WHO WILL
TAKE US TOWARDS PEACE.

YOU ALSO HAVE A CHOICE ON IMPORTANT DOMESTIC ISSUES THIS
YEAR. THIS ELECTION IS A REFERENDUM ON MANY THINGS. IT'S A
REFERENDUM ON CLEANING UP TOXIC WASTE DUMPS. LET'S ELECT A
PRESIDENT WHO TAKES POLLUTERS TO COURT, AND NOT TO LUNCH.

IT'S A REFERENDUM ON FAIRNESS. LET'S HAVE A TAX POLICY
WHERE AVERAGE FAMILIES DON'T PAY MORE, SO THE RICH CAN PAY LESS.

IT'S A REFERENDUM ON SOCIAL JUSTICE. LET'S ELECT A
PRESIDENT WHO SUPPORTS OUR CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS, AND NOT SEGREGATED
ACADEMIES.

AND IT'S A REFERENDUM ON PERSONAL FREEDOM. LET'S HAVE A
SUPREME COURT THAT KEEPS THE GOVERNMENT OUT OF OUR HOMES,
CHURCHES, AND SYNAGOGUES.

BUT MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, IT IS A REFERENDUM ON THE FATE OF
THE EARTH.

WHEN YOU GO TO THE POLLS IN NOVEMBER, I WANT YOU TO THINK ABOUT RONALD REAGAN'S RECORD ON ARMS CONTROL.

IN 1980, HE PROMISED IMMEDIATE ARMS TALKS. FOUR YEARS LATER, NOT A SINGLE TEAM IS NEGOTIATING NUCLEAR ARMS CONTROL.

IN 1981, HE ~~SHEEVED~~ ^{put on ice} THREE TREATIES WHICH HAD TAKEN YEARS TO NEGOTIATE.

IN 1982, HE REJECTED THE WALK-IN-THE-WOODS PROPOSAL OF HIS OWN NEGOTIATOR.

IN 1983, HE DECLARED HIS INTENTION TO LAUNCH AN ARMS RACE IN SPACE.

AND IN 1984, HE THREW AWAY THE OPPORTUNITY TO NEGOTIATE ON ANTI-SATELLITE WEAPONS WITH THE SOVIETS.

THE QUESTION IS: WHAT WILL HE DO IN 1985?

THE TIME TO ASK THAT QUESTION IS NOT LATER. IT'S NOW.

THE TIME TO REGISTER NEW VOTERS IS NOT LATER. IT'S NOW.

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AND THE TIME TO ELECT FRITZ MONDALE PRESIDENT AND GERRY
FERRARO VICE PRESIDENT IS NOT LATER. IT'S NOW.

SO, LET'S GET TO WORK AND CHANGE THIS COUNTRY'S DIRECTION.
NOT LATER, BUT NOW.

- END -