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Letter from a Canadian Supporter to Geraldine Ferraro

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To: Mrs. G. Ferraro, 312 Common House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C., 20515

Dear Madam or Sir:

President Reagan presents himself as an anti-Communist whose policies justify and even dictate the necessity of a large defense budget. The Soviet Union is presented as a major force which could potentially overcome the United States and against which the American people must be protected at all costs. The fact is that the Soviet Union would no longer be under Communist regime if Reagan had not taken preventative measures.

In 1981, the Soviet Regime began to suffer open internal opposition due to a food shortage. Polish Solidarity arose and rapidly gained support as a direct result of that desperate situation. The grain embargo ordered by the Carter administration was proving to be very effective. Strike action became prevalent in Communist countries, most notably in Poland where Solidarity supporters were demanding legal representation in the governing body.

This was nearly achieved. Even in Moscow, television stations reported that strikes were occurring all over Russia in protest of meat scarcity. The supply was becoming depleted and prices soared higher with each passing day. The media explained that while wages remained stable, meat prices doubled and tripled.

It began to appear that Communist dictatorship was crumbling under the pressure. Desperate measures were taken. In 1981, 50,000 Russian citizens were permitted to leave the country!

My interest was piqued and I listened to several documentary and discussion programs on the radio and television, as well as reading newspaper articles on the subject. It was
announced that Russia produced 200 million tons of grain per year, but required 240 million tons. The extra 40 million tons were to be purchased from Western countries such as the United States, Canada, Australia and Argentina.

Although Russia is capable of producing more, the system is inefficient because farm labourers are paid subsistence wages and lack motivation. Also, the country is burdened with an abundance of bureaucracy which is costly and unproductive and the grain is a poor quality to begin with.

But back to President Reagan, who essentially claimed that the high interest rate (nearly 24%) was inherited from Carter's Democratic Administration. This was so cleverly stated by key Reagan supporters on a number of televised programs and propaganda speeches that it appeared to be plausible. It was, in fact, a deceitful ploy to obliterate the truth!

I was prompted to write this letter when I saw a television program entitled, "It's Your Business", (aired on Saturdays at 8:30 A.M., Channel 11, Tacoma), in May or June of 1983, where two pro-Republicans debated with two pro-Democrats. It was stated that Reagan had inherited the high interest rate from Carter's Democrats. This is a lie! This I know for a fact because I was personally affected by the rate hikes. In March/81, I borrowed [redacted] at 17% per annum. In June, Reagan ordered that the grain embargo be removed. Russia could then supply sufficient food to her people and the Communist Regime could continue to oppress the nation. Western and American banks, to which Russia already owed approximately $90 billion, refused to finance the transaction. At that time, the banks were under Government control and the interest rate was frozen at 17%. Reagan removed that control. On June 5th, 1981, the interest rate jumped to 21%; on July 24th, it was raised to 22%; on July 31st, it climbed again to 22.75%; and on August 7th, 1981, it skyrocketed to an astounding 23.75%! That high interest rate ruined the entire economical situation of the U.S. and all other Western countries. Millions of businessmen like myself, who had taken out commercial loans from financial institutions, suffered heavy losses and many lost everything they had. All this to ensure the continued existence of Communist States?!

But why would Reagan want to nourish the enemy? The answer is simple: to profit by building armaments for defense and export. The profits in armaments match those of the narcotics trade. For that end, Reagan allowed hundreds of millions to suffer hunger, poverty and misery.
Had Reagan not removed the grain embargo in July/81, there would be no Communist system existing today. Trillions of dollars now designated for defense could be spent in more beneficial ways.

Even as I write this letter, Reagan supporters continue their anti-Communist lies. Not long ago, Reagan appeared on T.V. and claimed that he brought the high interest rate down. His charming smile and authoritative manner provided such a convincing picture that I am certain 90% of the people watching believed him.

And again, on "It's Your Business", (Saturday, Aug. 11, 1984) it was argued that Reagan inherited the high interest rate from the Carter administration. This idea continues to exist and be argued when it is obvious to me that it is not the truth.

On another occasion, I saw Reagan on television shortly after his election. (Around Dec./80 or Feb./81.) Reporters were questioning him on how it was that he had $3,800,000 in his personal accounts and did not pay one dollar tax the previous year. He replied that he didn't want to talk about it and that he had suffered some financial losses. I am fully aware that there are such loopholes in the tax laws that, even in Canada, a person who makes $140,000 per year does not necessarily pay taxes. There are people who ask, "What can I do for my country?" and there are people like Reagan who are more inclined to ask, "What can my country do for me?"

It appears to me that in the last few years, the White House has been run by organized crime. I refer in particular to Reagan and Nixon. Mr. Wescoe, who was a close personal friend of Nixon and known narcotics 'king', visited the White House frequently. At present, Mr. Sinatra who was under suspicion as having organized crime connections, seems to very close to Mr. Reagan. It would appear that organized crime is progressing to high places.

One thing that I would like to see proven and made public is the true story of Mr. Kissinger. During the Viet Nam War, I heard on the radio and read in the press that in Cambodia, under Nixon's rule, America had a special military detachment called the Special Service, similar to the Nazi S.S., which was organized to act as a search and destroy mission. An area was surrounded and everything within that area was liquidated - people and animals included. The detachment numbered 40,000 men. The barbaric commander of that unit was named as Colonel Henry Kissinger during one radio report. Please try to verify this. I feel that the American people have a right to be informed considering the
high position Mr. Kissinger occupies.

I must admit that if I had not taken the time to become informed myself by watching documentaries and listening to special reports on the radio, I would also believe in Reagan. Europeans and people all over the world say he 'acts' as president very well, so well that unless one actually delves into the real story behind the scenes, one would trust in him 100%. On a recent visit to Sweden, Germany and Poland, I talked with several people who actually admire the man. They believe in his anti-Communist policies and side with him against Russia. I informed many that Reagan is the one who saved Communism from collapsing. He artificially finances the Soviet Regime at the expense of Western nations, including his own. This enables him to earn large profits in arms build-up for which all the "little people" must pay exhorbitant taxes. It is a self-perpetuating business; since war weapons and equipment becomes obsolete in a very short time, they must be replaced frequently. Even the criminal element has switched from narcotics to armaments because it has the same profit margins and it has the added attraction of being legal! Meanwhile, the poor nations and those in the U.S. and Canada with little money continue to pay higher taxes and many live in poverty, hunger and even starvation.

Two very recent news items were announced on the radio:

a) The Russian Moscow Beaureau of Statistics reported that this year every Russian citizen must stand in line 192 hours to purchase food and clothing (up 10 to 12% over last year).

b) Western banks issued a new loan of $250 million to Russia! (Reagan should put mines around the money so the Communists couldn't get to it.)

I personally do not agree with the Communist Regime and I cannot see why it is not allowed to destroy itself. The Western countries artificially keep the Russians alive which is best proven by the grain embargo. I listened to reports and commentaries on the subject where it was explained that the amount of grain from Western countries was reduced by 20%. When the Russians heard that they would not receive the required amount of grain, they slaughtered the cattle before they were mature. Meat became in very short supply and the price doubled and tripled. When the people began to strike in protest of the meat prices and scarcity, the police did not arrest anybody. Poland started up the Solidarity movement and demanded a political seat as a party. They were almost successful. If Reagan had not helped out, the Communist Regime would have collapsed.
In May/81, Reagan practically begged the Communists to march the Russian troops into Poland to restore order. He said it was inevitable that the Russian army go into the Poland. This he repeated a number of times. He rescued the Communist Regime from disintegration by removing the grain embargo in order to preserve the profits from arm build-up by the military industrial complex.

Others must have heard the aforementioned commentaries concerning Reagan. Why has this information not been gathered and brought to the public's attention? If any proof can be obtained re Kissinger or if any action will be taken as a result of this letter, please inform me at the address on Page 1. Also, if any additional information is required, I will be glad to share what I know.

I feel sad and embarrassed when even some Democratic representatives support financing for the butchering of people oppressed by the CIA-supported dictators in South America.

Thank you for your time and your interest.

Yours truly,

NOTE: The guests on "It's Your Business" (May or June/83) included Richard Leicsher and Patrick Buchannon for the Republicans, and Mr. Rausch and Mr. Mettzanbaum for the Democrats. The program is monitored by Merrill Commer.