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Letter from a Costa Rican Supporter to Geraldine Ferraro

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The Honorable Geraldine Ferraro  
The House of Representatives,  
Washington, D.C.  

San Jose, Costa Rica,  
Central America  
Oct. 2, 1984

Actualized persons fear not to reveal themselves.

Dear Mrs. Ferraro:

The autodidactic, scattered reflections of a fifth grade dropout who hit the streets of N.Y.C. early on - now on the other side of the mountain, pondering the world and mankind in a remote little think tank.

(A) It has come to me by way of rumor that Reagan described Walter Mondale (the man I shall vote for) as being "a Jackass". Where-upon our devoutly wished President to be retorted, "he's a Cuttlefish". ... Alas, dear Mrs. Ferraro, this retort was inane to say the least. What about this dynamically apt depiction: A Laughing Hyena in Sheep's Clothing?

(B) If we don't perceive man's still early development on the evolutionary scale, if we can't look history straight in the face, and thereby fail to foresee a catalyismic war in relatively absolute terms, we then negate our ultimate capacity to act in the name of dynamic rationalism.

(C) While minding our defenses within the limits of sanity, and the humanist hope for eventual disarmament, we who walked on the Moon should be able to walk into all our tomorrows without fear. For our nation represents more than economic and military power, it represents the Space Age, a glorious age which can open new frontiers for all mankind. What about an internationally joint space exploration venture which could engender a vital sense of unity among nations, to very likely bear fruit beyond our present scope to imagine.

(D) No adversary nation, with the exception where rare pathological retrogression exists, is so alien that we can't contemplate serious, rational dialogue with them. This is the only way to prevent paranoid obsessions that inexorably lead to war - especially by way of Accident.

(E) To describe MX's as: "Missiles For Peace", is to renounce God, make a blood-pact with the Devil, and affirm misanthropy in toto.... What an irony that I an agnostic can with absolute justice charge this to St. Ronald, who is ever-ready to gallop forth toward a bombed nuclear wasteland with a Bible in hand - if that isn't Satanic and Crazy, then what is?
The Honorable Geraldine Ferraro

(F) Nuclear proliferation is a beast slouching in behind our backs — and our Uncle Sam is mainly to blame. The Russians are quite clean here.

(G) Many of us have read "The Call Of The Wild" & "Main Street", but comparatively few have read Jack London's "Iron Heel", or Sinclair Lewis's "It Cant Happen Here"....Beware of these prophetic scenarios as America now commences to struggle desperately against history (how many of us realize that this is what the historically paranoid Russians fear most as they ponder futuristic events? How many of us know that they have taken our said authors to heart?)

(E) If the dreaded 3rd world war doesn't intervene and send us all back to Plato's allegorical cave, or Carl Sagan's mind-boggling nuclear winter, these are the impasses that confront us: The Industrial Military Complex now in full swing, combined with the overarching reality that our Government, despite the countless aspects of cherished freedom, is under the egocentric, self-assertive sway of Plutocrats. Such is the new scene — a government of the rich, by the rich, and for the rich. Thus do we the people, now standing at the edge of an abyss yearn for a President who will MOVE AMERICA FORWARD toward a GRASS ROOTS DEMOCRACY — the only pathway to a society wherein the human personality counts, and the achievement of meaningful Happiness is possible....And the only way of allaying Russia's darkest fears. Thus making it possible for her to turn inward to much needed development in the way of light goods industries, road & highway systems, etc.

May the brightest, the best, and ALL the brave go with you,

P.S.

If Joseph Kraft is correct in his report that never has cynicism and self-seeking been so rife in that land of ours, then this may largely account for the wall of silence my many impassioned letters have encountered — Walter Mondale, Edward Kennedy, Gary Hart, Lawton Chiles, the Newman of Freeze Movement, et al. But one shining exception — namely, Governor Anthony Earl.