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Tony - Grist
for your
Thursday
meeting.

DRAFT

Every sign, from the Democratic convention to the opening volleys in the fall campaign, indicates that President Carter intends to seek re-election by avoiding his record.

Personally, I can't say that I blame him.

But the American people ^{will} ~~must~~ not be ^{sidetracked} ~~fooled~~ again. Jimmy Carter won the presidency once by placing style over substance. The results have been little short of disaster, especially for the more than two million more people who since just the first of the year have lost their jobs.

Now, four years later, ^{Carter} ~~he~~ has a lot of explaining to do. Mr. Carter has ~~the responsibility~~ ^{to} tell the American people ~~specifically~~ ^{should} why they ~~must~~ endure four more years of his presidency. I don't think he can do it.

^{The American people want my}
~~I challenge Jimmy~~ Carter to explain why more than half a million more people have lost their jobs since Carter took office, and why more than two million have been thrown out of work this year alone.

^{The A.P. want my}
~~I challenge him~~ ^{Mr. Carter must} to explain why the American people have had to endure the highest average peacetime inflation rates in history, and why the July producer price index, annualized, works out to an inflation rate of more than 22%.

^{My - Carter must}
~~I challenge him~~ to explain why the average American's weekly paycheck, even before taxes but with all the cost-of-living adjustments added in, buys 8½% less than when Carter took office.

^{budget}
I challenge him to explain why he has increased federal spending by 58% in just four years.

^{doublet}
I challenge him to explain why he has added more to the

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national debt than any of our Presidents, and why his 1980 budget deficit, with off-budget spending included, is the largest deficit in history.

tax

I challenge him to explain why in his 1981 budget, total federal taxes are more than double the level of taxes in 1976; why he has ~~imposed~~ the two single largest tax increases in American history.

I challenge him to explain why productivity in America has fallen so sharply in the last year and a half, that it is now ~~not~~ higher than it was when he took office.

I challenge him to explain why America still lacks a trade policy--why our auto and electronics industries are no longer competing with imports from Japan and Western Europe.

I challenge him to explain a prime interest rate that is nearly double the rates when he took office; and why it is nearly impossible now for a young family to buy a home.

I challenge him to explain why our hostages have been held in Iran for 289 days. And, why didn't he take our diplomats out of the country after the Iranians seized the embassy the first time early last year?

I challenge him to explain why there ^{is} ~~are~~ still Soviet troops ⁱⁿ ~~were~~ in Cuba, ninety miles off our Southern shores; why the Soviets were able to walk into Afghanistan with barely a whimper, moving closer to endangering our oil lifeline; why he issued a warning that we would defend the Persian Gulf from attack, knowing full well we didn't have the capability to defend it.

Carlitz

I challenge him to explain why our volunteer servicemen and women are still getting paid less than the minimum wage, why military wages are so low that many are on food stamps or have

to take a second job, and why he had to reinstitute draft registration as a prelude to a renewed draft.

Mr. Carter's only response is that the presidency is a complex job. Do we really want to re-elect a man who admits, up front, that he's not up to the task?

Yes, the presidency is a tough job. But Gerald Ford succeeded. John Kennedy ~~succeeded~~. Dwight Eisenhower succeeded. And the presidency was certainly as tough then as it was now.

Jimmy Carter owes the American people an explanation of what specific steps he would take in a second term just to rectify the damage he has done in his first four years, not to mention how he would get the country moving ahead again as it was when he took office.

Unless he can explain why the next four years would all of a sudden be different from the last four, I don't believe he deserves to be re-elected.

*File
Flott
memo*

August 21, 1980

To: Tony Dolan

From: Fred Flott *7-4*

Subject: Political angle re Administration's egregious mishandling of recent Cuban entrants.

The Source of this info is a highly knowledgeable, thoroughly qualified psychiatrist, from the staff of St. Elizabeth's. I can have easy access to him ^{anytime} within 24 hours. He is a committed Republican and wants to help us

The attached Washington Post piece is, essentially, the tip of the iceberg on what Source claims will be a much bigger story in a few weeks. While some of what he said is not new, I will report all of it because he says it. I would be glad to assist you in any further making of the case. I have not yet cleared any of this through Stef Halper's shop, and you may wish to do so if it appears potentially useful.

He said, August 16, 1980:

Castro emptied his prisons and mental hospitals of all their psychotics, who were subsequently admitted to the U.S. by an inept Administration that said first one thing, then another and failed to let INS carry out even the most minimum screening and controls.

Some of these people are beginning to arrive at the already overloaded facilities of St. Elizabeth's. About Aug. 7 "they" first brought Cubans to St. E. They set up a special ward for 8 violently psychotic recent-arrival Cuban patients. Even this small number put a major strain on St. E. They were short of Spanish-speaking staff at all levels. Source had to spend 2 hrs afterwards calming the American staff which had been threatened with knives, fires, violent behavior, etc. No Spanish-speaking psychiatrist (MD) was available.

Nobody knows how big the problem is or will become, but the scuttlebut among knowledgeable professionals and program managers is that there may be as many as from three to six thousand dangerous psychotics among the recent arrivals.... criminally insane also.

President Carter is regarded by the professionals as having been playing politics with the State of Florida in his injudicious admissions policy. And he did so in his characteristically bumbling, holier-than-thou, on~~e~~ again, off again way.

But this is soon going to emerge as a major problem. So far, the USG has failed to acknowledge that it has a problem of real crisis

proportions, but it does. It could blow up in the D.C. Metropolitan area with massive resignation of St E staff or something of the sort, especially after some violent incident which can be anticipated with certainty.

There are a lot of crazies among them. There has been no planning.

The obvious political question is , "Why did the Administration let Castro get away with it?"

My comments: In any exploitation of this, we would obviously not want to appear to be on the side of turning our backs on refugees from communism. To hedge on this we could offer the additional comment that the inept handling of the Cuban refugees matters by the Administration has the additional worrisome feature of tending to cause to be discredited the many fine anti-communist Cubans who preceded and even accompanied the latest Cuban refugees, and who have become exemplary American citizens with remarkable devotion to liberty, self-reliance, and hard work. It does a real disservice to these fine new Americans to allow Castro to dump a lot of crazies who happen to have the same national origin on our shores, and no Republicans will mix one with the other. This could fly even in Miami, Calle Ocho!

June 13, 1980

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governor Reagan

FROM: Jim Brady *gsm*

SUBJECT: The Truth Behind President Carter's
"Nimitz Pay Raise Promise"

SOURCE: Mr. Rhett Dawson (Sen. John Tower)
Minority Counsel
Senate Armed Services Committee

- President Carter on May 26, 1980 meeting sailors returning from the longest tour since World War II announced on the deck of the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier NIMITZ a one-billion dollar "fair benefits" package for the military.

(Note: Carter had vetoed the FY 1979 military procurement bill, largely because it authorized a nuclear-powered NIMITZ class aircraft carrier.)

- Of the \$1 billion, however, all but roughly one-third (309 million) had already been passed by the Senate in the Warner/Nunn compromise (\$785 million). Carter's NIMITZ statement was pure trickery designed to flim-flam and shortchange the military from what they were going to get anyway.
- The governmental dispute over compensation (pay and benefits) has been (up until the NIMITZ statement) between the Administration opposition to any increase in compensation beyond the bare minimum (capping pay increases at an artificial 7.4% level and a piecemeal approach to benefits) that is insufficient to stem the flood of key middle-level military (i.e., sergeants, company and field grade officers) leaving the Services.
- It is widely suspected that Carter's "fair benefits" package was not only for some transitory political gain; but also intended to undercut any effort by the Congress to mandate the real pay increase of 11.7% that would attempt to keep military pay comparable to civilian workers under current mechanism.

- . Fritz Hollings (D-S.C.), Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, recently announced that within the budget ceiling for defense of \$6.8 billion above Carter's request there was room for a lifting of the pay cap (\$1.2 billion).
- . Senator Bill Armstrong (R-Colo.) has persistently attempted to increase pay but has been opposed at every turn by Majority Leader Byrd (D-W. Va.) and others, and, as a result, was forced to accept Warner/Nunn.
- . With Warner/Nunn already passed by the Senate, the challenge still will be the question of pay. Senator John Tower (R-TX), ranking Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee, recently proposed a two-step approach to pay. First, give Carter more flexibility to give greater percentage increases to mid-level military thereby aiding retention; and, second, Congressionally mandate the lift of the pay cap (11.7% vs. 7.4%).
- . While the draft may be necessary at some point to gain new recruits, compensation, and particularly pay is absolutely essential to retaining those already in each of the Services.
- . In a recent letter to their House Republican colleagues Senators Barry Goldwater and John Tower attacked the Carter request for defense as inadequate and stated that the urgent requirement for increased defense spending is overwhelming.
- . In that letter the two Senators noted that there was testimony from the Joint Chiefs that there is \$10.5 billion of unfunded readiness and near-term modernization requirements for FY 1981 (above fact-of-life increases due for fuel and inflation).
- . President Carter's response to this in his revised March request to the Congress was to require the Services to absorb \$1.0 billion for inflation and \$600 million that was previously requested for near-term initiatives.
- . The inadequacy of the Carter request is that it:
 - provides for a 7.4% pay raise for the military, compared to 11.7% needed (\$1.2 billion additional) to keep even
 - requires that the Services take 40% (\$1.3 billion) of this pay raise out of their hide
 - does not fund the Warner/Nunn manpower initiatives (\$0.8 billion), only recently endorsed by the President when he landed on the deck of the NIMITZ

- seriously underfunds aircraft spares (\$1-2 billion) and war reserve munitions (\$1-2 billion) required for readiness and sustainability
- requires \$1.4 billion additional simply to restore Air Force aircraft procurement to the plan presented to Congress one year ago
- requires \$1.2 billion additional to fund Naval aircraft consistent with CNO testimony last year as to minimum necessary
- provides \$.9 billion less for shipbuilding than the plan for FY 1981 one year ago (pre-Iran, pre Afghanistan, pre-Indian Ocean Commitment, pre-Rapid Deployment Force)

ISSUE: Carter's "Fair Benefits Package" for Military

Background

Despite extremely serious recruiting and retention problems in the Armed Forces, the Carter Administration continues to play games with the military compensation issue. In the last eight months the Carter Administration has consistently worked to undercut Defense Department and Congressional efforts to improve the adequacy of military compensation. Having opposed an amendment by Senator Armstrong (R-Colo) to exempt the military from the President's pay cap on the annual comparability pay raise, the President also opposed the key features of the Warner/Nunn Bill which was offered by the Senate Armed Services Committee as a compromise designed to remedy quickly inequities in the military benefits and allowances system so as to reduce the mass exit of key career officers and NCOs. In particular, the Administration opposed the Variable Housing Allowance, which had been recommended in its own Defense Department pay study, and an increase in subsistence pay which together were the heart of the Warner/Nunn Bill providing together about 68% of the total \$785 billion associated with the Warner/Nunn amendment in FY81. In addition, following a highly symbolic Presidential veto of legislation enacted by the Congress to provide special pay for military health professionals necessary to maintain quality medical care for military personnel and their dependents, the President is reported to have scolded Secretary Brown over military compensation issues. The President allegedly ordered Brown to tell military people to quit complaining.

The "Fair Benefits Package"

Under fire for his failure to support a strong defense budget and for the failure of the Iranian helicopter rescue mission, the President left the Rose Garden to meet the crew on the Carrier NIMITZ which was returning from the

Indian Ocean. In a highly publicized announcement President Carter asserted that he was presenting a \$1 billion "Fair Benefits Package" for the military.

Upon close examination, however, the so-called "Fair Benefits Package" turns out to be largely a belated indorsement of the Warner/Nunn initiatives plus programs already contained in the 1981 budget. The major new program actually being introduced by the President totaled not \$1 billion but probably about one-fourth of that. These include a program to provide dental care under the CHAMPUS health insurance program and an additional \$150 million for other items (increased per diem allowances for temporary duty travel - approximately \$100 million, quarters allowances for senior enlisted personnel - approximately \$35 million, and a continuation bonus for pilots - approximately \$10 million). The Defense Department has proposed a 50% increase in flight pay (half of which is provided by Warner/Nunn) in addition to the continuation bonus which, alone, is proposed by the President. Ironically, the falsely labeled \$1 billion package which will add only about \$250 million to what was anticipated will undoubtedly be used by the President as a substitute for a full comparability pay raise which is anticipated by military personnel to keep up with increases in the cost of living.

The President's budget assumes funding of only a 7.4% pay increase even though the Congressional Budget Office anticipates that an 11.7% increase would be necessary to provide a full comparability pay increase. The difference is \$1.2 billion.

Thus the "real" \$1 billion pay package is the approximately \$1 billion that will be cut from a military pay raise if the President acts based on his own budget rather than accepting the full pay raise which will be necessary to maintain comparability.

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FYI: T. DOLAN

NEWS RELEASE

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FOR RELEASE:

August 13, 1980

WASHINGTON --- The Reagan-Bush Committee today announced the formation of a Health Policy Advisory Group to examine national health care programs and to make recommendations for a national Health policy.

The new group, to be chaired by William B. Walsh, President and Director of the People-to-People Health Foundation, Inc. (Project HOPE) will add to, and compliment, other policy groups already established in the fields of national security, foreign policy, budget and business.

According to Reagan-Bush campaign chairman Bill Casey, "Governor Ronald Reagan has consistently sought out the most capable and experienced people to advise and counsel him on important issues regardless of their party affiliation and irrespective of individual political support."

He also stated, "Governor Reagan is reassured by the depth of practical experience and public service represented by the outstanding men and women who will be evaluating our national health policies and programs."

The efforts of all of the domestic and economic studies advisory groups will be coordinated by Chief of Staff and Chief Issues Advisor Ed Meese, Martin Anderson and Darrell Trent.

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HEALTH POLICY ADVISORY GROUP LIST ATTACHED

- HEALTH POLICY ADVISORY GROUP -

Rita Ricardo Campbell.

Senior Fellow, The Hoover Institution; former member of the Advisory Council on Social Security.

James H. Cavanaugh.

Senior Vice President for Science and Planning, Allergan; former Deputy Chief of Staff, The White House, Deputy Director of the Domestic Council and Deputy Assistant Secretary of HEW.

Theodore Cooper.

Dean, Cornell University Medical College and Provost for Medical Affairs, Cornell University; formerly Assistant Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

Charles C. Edwards.

President, Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation; former Assistant Secretary of Health, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and former Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration.

Isaac Ehrlich.

Professor of Economics, State University of New York, Buffalo.

Alain C. Enthoven.

Mariner Eccles Professor of Public and Private Management, Graduate School of Business, Stanford University.

William C. Felch.

Former Chairman, Legislative Council, American Medical Association.

Clark C. Havighurst.

Professor of Law, Duke University; former Professor of Community Health Sciences, Duke University Medical School.

Helen M. Jameson.

Assistant Administrator, Rochester Methodist Hospital.

Cotton M. Lindsay.

Visiting Professor of Economics, Emory University.

Wade Mountz.

President, Norton-Children's Hospitals; former Chairman, Legislative Council, American Hospital Association.

Mary Munson Runge.

Chairman of the Board, American Pharmaceutical Association.

Lee R. Shelton.

Director of Health Services, Health 1st, Atlanta, Ga.,
former member, National Advisory Committee on Drugs, Food
and Drug Administration.

Robert B. Shira.

Senior Vice President and Acting Provost, Tufts University
and Dean Emeritus, Tufts University School of Dental Medi-
cine; former President, American Dental Association.

C. Joseph Stetler.

Former President, Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association.

William B. Walsh, Chairman.

President and Medical Director, The People-to-People Health
Foundation, Inc. (Project HOPE).

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A. Anderson
8/18/80

	<u>What the Democrats Inherited</u>	<u>What They Have Given Us</u>
Inflation (consumer prices)	4.8% (1976)	13.3% (1979) 15% (1980 to date, annualized)
Unemployment (rate)	7.7% (1976) and falling	7.8% (July 1980) and rising
People out of work	7.3 million (1976), falling	8.2 million (July 1980), rising
Interest Rates		
Prime rate	6.25% (Jan. 1977)	10.75-11.00% (current) (8/5) 11.00% 8/11
U.S. Treasury bills (3-month)	4.6% (Jan. 1977)	8.9% (August 4, 1980) 8.7 8/11/80
Mortgage money	9.1% (Jan. 1977)	12.5% (current) (8/5/80)

How Bad Did Things Get?

The rate of inflation (Consumer Price Index) reached 18 percent on an annual, compound basis in January, February, and March of 1980. The Producer Price Index for July, 1980 showed inflation at 22.4 percent (annual compound rate).

Unemployment is down slightly from its peak; best to rely on their own estimates that it will increase later this year; they predict 8.5 percent by the end of the year.

Interest rates: the prime rate reached 20 percent (4/10/80); the rate on 3-month Treasury bills reached 16.5 percent (3/24/80, discount basis); mortgage rates reached 16 percent (3/24/80).

The Democrats claim to have held down inflation. During President Ford's last year in office, the rate of inflation was less than 5 percent. Last year--1979--the cost of living increased at over 13 percent, and the first three months of this year, it increased at an annual rate of 18 percent, and 1980 as a whole is likely to be just as bad as 1979.

Almost one million more people are now out of work than were out of work in the last year of the Ford Administration. Against this record, to claim credit for creating new jobs is nonsense.

When Ford left office, the prime rate--the rate at which banks lend to their most credit-worthy business customers--was only 6 1/4 percent; today it is 11 percent. When Ford left office, the United States Treasury could borrow at under 5 percent; today the rate is almost 9 percent. And as Ford left office families could borrow mortgage money at about 9 percent; today mortgage money costs 12.5 percent.

The Democrats blame foreign oil prices for the high rates of inflation they have created rather than their own profligate spending. This year Federal outlays will be \$213 billion larger than they were in 1976, for an increase of almost 60 percent, and in 1981 current estimates are that Federal spending will amount to over 23 percent of the Gross National Product, the largest percentage in our nation's history.

The Democrats claim to have reduced taxes. In fact, if no tax-

cutting legislation is enacted for 1981, taxes will increase by \$80 to \$90 billion. In spite of regular increases in tax collections, this year the total Federal deficit will be \$ 77 billion, the largest in our history.

The Democrats claim in their platform to "support the discipline of attempting to live within the limits of our anticipated revenues." It is something they have clearly failed to do.

For fiscal 1980, the unified budget deficit is 60.9 billion; the off-budget financing is another 16.1 billion, resulting in a total deficit of \$77 billion. In fiscal 1976 the Ford unified deficit was \$66.4 billion, but off-budget financing (e. g., sales of Federal Home Loan Bank bonds) was only 7.3 billion, for a total deficit of \$73.7.

Annelise Anderson
8/18/80

How Mondale got an estimate of \$1 trillion tax cut"by 1987:"

Congression Budget Office estimate of Kemp-Roth tax cut (static, no. reflows); includes indexing in 1984 and 1985; figures for 1986 and 1987 are my own rough estimates.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1981	\$19.8 billion
1982	52.4
1983	95.4
1984	136.4
1985	175.3
1986	225.0
1987	<u>300.0</u>

Total \$1,004.3 billion, or about \$1 trillion

(However, actual tax receipts will increase by far, far more than this.)

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CAMPAIGN MEMORANDUM #N1
From: Treasurer's Office

August 12, 1980

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN REQUIREMENTS IN-HOUSE COMMITMENTS AND EXPENDITURES

As each Cost Center receives a time-phased budget in which maximum dollars are authorized by the campaign, there must be a firm control on all commitments and expenditures. The Treasurer's Office in conjunction with the Controller will monitor these budgets with each Cost Center.

Each Cost Center will be assigned a contact within the Treasurer's Office with whom the Cost Center Manager or his designee will communicate daily. This contact will allow current updating and review of commitments and expenditures.

PROCEDURES

INDIVIDUAL REQUESTING FUNDS:

1. Obtain prior authorization from your Cost Center Manager to commit funds as budgeted. Funds committed without prior approval will be the personal responsibility of the person making the commitment. Commitments include ALL funds and are for all expense categories including TRAVEL.
2. Complete the EXPENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST (RB Form C attached - EAR) with information as to:
 - a. Vendor name and address.
 - b. Amount (actual or approximate).
 - c. Date payment is required (receipt of invoice or immediate).
 - d. Purpose (travel, printing, postage, etc.).
 - e. Signature.
3. Obtain the signature of the Cost Center Manager.

COST CENTER MANAGER:

1. Approve the expense authorization request as being within the Cost Center's budget by signing request (EAR).
2. Route requests to the Cost Center's contact in the Treasurer's Office.

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ADDENDUM TO CAMPAIGN MEMORANDUM #N1
From: Treasurer's Office

August 14, 1980

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN REQUIREMENTS IN-HOUSE COMMITMENTS AND EXPENDITURES

Department contacts in the Treasurer's Office are as follows:

Chairman	Elizabeth Burkhart
Planning & Strategy	Mark Holtkamp
National Political	Neal Peden
States	Neal Peden
Communications	Elizabeth Burkhart
Research & Research Development	Mark Holtkamp
Scheduling	Steve Stanalonis
Reagan Tour	Joanne Bistany
Bush Tour	Joanne Bistany
Family and Surrogates	Steve Stanalonis
Voters Groups	Elizabeth Burkhart
Headquarters and Operations	Mark Holtkamp
Treasurer, Controller, Legal	Vic Hurtado

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CAMPAIGN MEMORANDUM #N2
From: Treasurer's Office

August 12, 1980

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN REQUIREMENTS REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE COMMITMENTS AND EXPENDITURES

The Republican National Committee may spend up to \$4,674,000 on behalf of the Reagan Bush Campaign. It is important to realize, however, that this sum of money has been included in the general election campaign budget.

Since all allocable expenses incurred by the RNC go against the appropriate cost center, it is imperative that all costs incurred by the RNC be properly authorized.

The attached Expense Authorization Request (RB Form C - EAR) will be used for this purpose.

PROCEDURES

INDIVIDUAL REQUESTING FUNDS:

1. Complete the EAR as follows:
 - a. Vendor name (will always be RNC).
 - b. Amount (actual or approximate).
 - c. Date payment is required (receipt of invoice or immediate).
 - d. Purpose (travel, printing, postage, etc.).
 - e. Signature.
2. Obtain the signature of Cost Center Manager authorizing the expense as a budget item in your cost center.
3. Send copies as follows:
 - a. White - Katherine Anderson at the RNC for approval.
 - b. Yellow - Your cost center control in the accounting office.
 - c. Pink - Your cost center.

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August 19, 1980

MEMORANDUM TO: STAFF
FROM: BAY BUCHANAN
RE: VENDOR INVOICING

In the future, when ordering merchandise from outside vendors, please remind them to send their invoice to the attention of ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/(YOUR) COST CENTER NAME. This insures that your department is charged with the expenses that you incur.

Listed below are the appropriate cost center names:

Chairman
Planning, Strategy and Polling
National Political
Campaign 80
Communications
Research and Policy Development
Scheduling
Reagan Tour
Bush Tour
Voter and Volunteer Groups
Headquarters and Operations
Treasurer's Office and Legal
Family and Surrogates

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August 27, 1980

ONLY 70 DAYS TO WIN

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE RESEARCH & POLICY DEVELOPMENT SECTION
FROM: ROBERT M. GARRICK, DIRECTOR

Please be advised effective immediately no further costs of any nature will be incurred without first submitting an EAR (Expense Authorization Request) for approval.

Expense forms will only be approved if there has been a prior submission of an EAR.

There is an urgent need for a cost control operation in the Research & Policy Development Section as of now.

ALL required EAR's must be signed by the Cost Center Manager who is one in the same as the Director of the Research and Policy Development Section -- Robert M. Garrick.

Your cooperation is requested so that we may operate within the established budget and the LAW. Thank you.

71 DAYS TO WIN

MEMORANDUM TO : ALL MEMBERS OF THE RESEARCH & POLICY
DEVELOPMENT SECTION

FROM : ROBERT M. GARRICK, DIRECTOR

On Wednesday, 27 August, there will be a memorandum circulated relative to having photographs taken for ID badges.

It will contain all the information needed as to when, where et al.

Will you all please attend to this matter as soon as you are advised as to the action to be taken so that we can get this bit of business behind us as soon as possible.

REMINDER: Any visitors you might have coming to the building should be directed to the 3rd floor reception area. You will be advised of their arrival and can meet them and bring them to your office. Your cooperation in this effort will be appreciated and at the same time this procedure will give us an improved security posture.

XXX

August 27, 1980

MEMORANDUM TO: All RFP Committee Personnel
FROM: Verne Orr (U)
SUBJECT: Labor Day

Ronald Reagan will make one of the major appearances of the campaign on Labor Day. There will undoubtedly be great activity at Headquarters in connection with this major tour appearance.

In addition, we enter the final stage of the campaign, with nine weeks until election.

Therefore, Labor Day will be a full working day for all departments.

File

SEPT. 1, 1980

TO: TONY DOLAN

FROM: FRED FLOTT

SUBJ: ADMINISTRATION'S MISHANDLING OF
VIETNAM (INDOCHINESE) REFUGEES.

A VERY RESPECTED, KNOWLEDGEABLE SENIOR EMPLOYEE OF H.H.S., WHO DEALS WITH INDOCHINESE REFUGEES IN U.S., HAS CONVEYED TO ME THROUGH A MUTUAL FRIEND THAT THE ADMINISTRATION'S HANDLING OF THE REFUGEES IS FAR WORSE THAN GENERALLY REALIZED, AND THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO FILL ME IN.

IF EVER YOU WERE TO BE ADDRESSING THIS PROBLEM AND WANT INPUT, LET ME KNOW AND I WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM.

Fred

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Monday 1 September 1980

65 DAYS TO WIN

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE RESEARCH & POLICY DEVELOPMENT SECTION
FROM: ROBERT M. GARRICK, DIRECTOR *rmg*

PROCEDURE FOR USE OF NY TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE:

To those who have a need to use the New York Times Information System please be advised that this is an expensive service and should be used as the reference of last resort.

First check with the Research Reference Library here on the second floor by Room 5, if you don't get all you need then call the NRC for additional assistance. If you are not satisfied with the results from these two sources then go to the New York Times Information Service, but know what you are doing before you hook up. If you did NOT take the training course do not use this service. Ask for assistance. We are a team.

Upon completion of a search please deliver to Bob Garrick in his office Room 11, the end of the printout that indicates the time used. Sign your name, the date and the hour. Thank you.

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If you have a requirement to move anything via the U.S. Mail please be advised that the mail room on the 3rd floor sends out the mail at 12-Noon and 3:30 P.M. each day.

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If you are going to require an absentee ballot to vote in the November general election now would be a good time to write for it.

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Every effort is being made to supply all the "tools" that are necessary to run a smooth and successful campaign. Realistically, we can't have all the "goodies" we would like and budget restrictions add to the crunch. Therefore, the theme of the Research and Policy Development Section is ~~---~~ Sharing and Naturally Winning.

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Personnel Data Forms have been delivered to all members of this section. Please complete them soonest and return them to Bob Garrick. Thank you.

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August 22, 1980

75 DAYS TO WIN

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE RESEARCH & POLICY DEVELOPMENT SECTION
FROM: ROBERT M. GARRICK, DIRECTOR

Every morning at 7:30 a.m. there is a briefing in the Operations Room -- 2nd floor, of foreign, national and political news plus items of interest.

This is a well prepared and timely update of all over night events of interest to the campaign.

You are invited to be present

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Casey memos

MEMORANDUM TO: ED MEESE

August 27, 1980

FROM: Bill Casey

In the draft of the New York Harbor Labor Day speech at the bottom of the 5th page you have what can be construed as a call to ethnic purity. Jimmy Carter spoke up on ethnic purity in 1976 and he was rewarded with a terrific dive in the polls. That paragraph coupled with the second paragraph on the last page, labelled the Pittsburg version, where they refer to our ancestors coming here from the old world, Germany, Italy, and the Slavic Nations, we are going to have somebody putting it together as a call for white ethnic purity. There is no positive value to be achieved with these paragraph which compares with the down side of these when they are played wrong, as I believe there is every prospect that they would be.

W.J.C.

CC: Tony Dolan
Rich Williamson
Bill Gavin



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*file under
AGB
appointments*

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Tony Dolan
FROM: Lyle Ryter *LR*
DATE: September 2, 1980
SUBJECT: Carter Administration Appointments - Senate Process - Problem and Proposed Solutions

During the last week of August, Chairman Brock determined that President Carter was intending to push through Jim Smith of Bradenton, Florida for appointment to the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB). His concern focused on the fact that with this appointment, there would be no possibility for Governor Reagan to appoint the CAB chairman in his first year of office. I was asked to track the status of the nomination. I began my efforts only to learn that action had been taken early that morning.

As a result of backtracking, I learned that the Smith appointment had been held up with all other nominations before the Senate Commerce Committee. It was only as a result of a package compromise that action had proceeded. Senator Garn had requested action some time ago from the Carter Administration on the reappointment of Dianna Duggan to her post on Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The Administration had consistently held up the renomination. This time when the request was renewed, the Smith nomination was offered in trade. Senator Packwood, after checking with the state, approved the release. The Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Nominations then cleared the nomination for release on the

floor. The final action of consulting with the Minority Leader was the first place where it met with objection. Senator Baker's staffer, Howard Liebengood, when getting final sign-off from Senator Baker, did mention the implications. Senator Baker felt that as long as Senator Packwood and the Ad Hoc Committee as well as the Reagan Committee had signed off, the go-ahead sign should be given.

Based on this experience, I have established a system of identifying appointments critical to the incoming Reagan administration. It requires a daily monitoring of nominations reported out on the Executive Calendar as well as weekly checks with the staff of Ranking Minority Members to anticipate actions on appointments. I am hopeful that with the identification of the appropriate individual on your staff, we can prevent another instance similar to this one from re-occurring.

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SURROGATE OFFENSE MEETING
September 5, 1980 (8:00 a.m.)

TO: Rich Williamson

FROM: Roger Hearn

Those in Attendance were:

William Casey, Ed Meese, Drew Lewis, Rich Williamson, Roger Hearn, Paul Russo, Warren Hendricks, Kevin Hopkins, Mari Maseng, Roger Wallace, Fred Bieble, Doug Bandowe.

Stealth:

Van Cleave has not been reached yet. Roger Hearn will talk to Richard Allen today regarding contacting "acamedicians" for press coverage over the weekend.

Stealth will be major focus of our press coverage this weekend. Paul Russo should get talking points on both Stealth and Civiletti ready for use with radio actualities for weekend.

President Ford/Las Vegas Speech:

Warren Hendricks will make promotion of Pres. Ford's remarks on Secty. Brown first priority today.

Pres. Carter's Speech at B'nai B'rith:

Max Rabb, Max Fisher and Ted Cummings issued joint statement last night. Al Spiegle issued own statement. Wire service picked up, some results available this morning.

Social Security:

Baker and Rhodes issued statements yesterday as expected. We will be doing additional promotion on it. Paul Russo will coordinate with George Bush.

Waste and Fraud:

Penny Eastman will make sure contact is made with study committee on Hill. This will be used for major emphasis next week.

Unemployment and Consumer Price Index:

New figures coming out at 9:00 a.m. Doug Bandowe will prepare an analysis today.

Page two

Civiletti Resignation:

Paul Russo will monitor results of Hearings. There is a press conference scheduled, possibilities lined up for statements are Evans, Kemp, Lagomarsino, ... Thurmond (maybe). Dole has indicated he will release statement around 10 a.m. We should have a press person available to cover, and get live coverage at that time.

Warren Hendricks is locating Ruckelshaus. Tony Dolan has talking points.

Loren Smith should help Tony Dolan line up sympathetic lawyers.

Drew Lewis has contacted Gov. Thornburg, no action yet. He may wish to issue own statement, but should be coordinated with our efforts.

Warren Hendricks has contacted Gov. Thompson who was also receptive. Need further contact.

Roger Hearn should follow up with both Drew and Warren on Thompson and Thornburg.

Mari Maseng will follow up with coordinating press coverage of any others on Hill so that plenty of information is flowing for all of next week as momentum picks up.

We should contact as many Congressmen and Senators as possible today so that they can get radio actualities going in their home districts all weekend. Particularly in Pennsylvania for coordination with Reagan in Philadelphia and Bush in Pittsburg over weekend.

Mari Maseng should follow up on Pete Wilson visit to White House today. Work with Kevin Hopkins and Warren Hendricks today.

Emphasis for Next Week:

Stealth should be major effort for weekend. Civiletti, Waste and Fraud, and Economy should be emphasized for next week.

←end←

James H. Adams

THEMES

1. Goofs are going to occur when speeches are written and given at the pace of Presidential campaigning. The press will of course jump on these to show their own brilliance.

Tactics - be prepared with light and friendly (to the press) responses like:

You've got to allow me a few Hubert Horatio Hornblowers - You know I intended -----.

- Never apologize or have long "what I meant was" discussions. This just spotlights the goof and reduces coverage of the salient points of the speech.

- Never lose cool in front of the camera.

THEMES

2. China Issue - The Democrats now believe they have an exploitable issue and will raise this in the debates. Need to change the issue from what PRC thinks to what current and potential allies think when they see US apparently deserting friends for expedient gain- Use Taiwan - handling of IRANIAN crisis - etc. to make point that

- Governor Reagan wants to return dignity, honor and meaning to US friendships and alliances. No ally or friend should have to fear that US will desert them in their time of need.

- Assure PRC of Gov. Reagan's intention for friendly improved relations that will not waver if going gets tough.

- Use General Haig's view of US treatment of SHAH's government and US's contributions to SHAH's downfall - which led to hostage situation and last summer's oil shortage as openers and may lead in the future to further mid-east unrest.

- Point to mid-east friendships as critical to stable peaceful world which must pivot on the mid-east view of a determined and trustworthy US friendship. Not a US that changes policy and attitude toward friends on a seasonal basis as has been the behavior of the current administration.

THEMES

Nuclear Deterrent/Bl issue - Carter has been misdirecting this issue to that of ability of bomber to penetrate Soviet defenses. Can be anticipated in debate to point to improving technologies for penetration - Cruise Missiles - Stealth - etc., as reason for Bl cancellation.

Tactic - Treat Carter position as utter nonsense that has eroded the nuclear deterrent and invited a Soviet perception that they could win a nuclear war - that the only hope for peace is to return to a credible nuclear deterrent.

- Bl benefit was ability to better escape destruction from attack during take off and fly out - particularly if attack was short warning SLBM attack. Penetration was not at issue.

- The irresponsible hasty cancellation of the Bl was nothing more than unilateral disarmament. Carter, in his haste to disarm, did not even try to obtain Soviet compensating BACKFIRE concessions in SALT II or to first study his promised cruise missile carrier - which was such a paper disaster that it quietly slipped from view.

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- Point up fact that modern wars have been initiated by democrats who first let our strength erode, inviting adventurism - KOREA - VIETNAM. That Republicans have been the peacemakers cleaning up these folly's. Democrats thrust us into wars which were limitedly prosecuted at large cost to American lives and resource. That Carter perfidity with the defense posture while rattling an empty scabbard is what will lead to costly wars.

This can then be followed up by a sincere position that peace results from strength. Strength deters aggression - weakness has always invited wars. That Gov. Reagan detests war - intends to keep American lives from being wasted in the folly of war - but knows that the price of peace is strength, vigilance and credible resolve.

THEMES

ECONOMICS - An important issue that is worth a payed TV slot - complete with visual aids (charts/graphics) - Setting and delivery should demonstrate competent grasp of subject and sincere complete address of issues.

- Talk should be on gut issues of pay erosion through inflation and higher taxes.
- Attack the simplicity label as a ploy to cast ridicule on the messenger to avoid the truth about inflation and taxes by those who want more tax to wheel and deal with.
- Identify real cause of inflation - Government printing and spending more than it takes in.
- Real solution is a balanced budget either by more taxes or less government spending. The liberals are scared stiff that the public will wake up and realize this and cut the big spending programs. So they try to find new ways to increase taxes - example proposed 50 cent gasoline tax.
- Hit high interest rates and strangulation of auto and housing industries throwing hundreds of thousands of people out of work as a price Carter is willing to pay for temporary abatement of inflation. But we are not willing to accept this.
- Develop Reagan economic package - how it will increase jobs-increase GNP and increase tax base by increasing number of Tax payers - not be increasing taxes on fewer tax payers.
- Develop a picture of who pays taxes - talk about the number of families with both husband and wife working just to get by - how their combined income is eroded by increased tax rates - from the schedules, inflation and the social security increase.
- Show how your tax cut does not, as Democrats would like the public to believe, help the rich. It helps the great majority of taxpayers. Further that it is time this country stopped penalizing productivity by rewarding hard working people with higher taxes.

etc.

But do it so the wage earners can see the truth of how it affects him. Talk to him - Ridicule the concept that government give away programs are more important than his enjoying more of the fruits of his labor. Show the benefit to the worker in increased jobs, opportunities and take home pay.

Then show how the increased tax base will allow you to pay for defense without hurting fundamental programs like social security. Don't raise contentions issues now (like which programs would be cut back) - These will be the result of study - analysis and orderly reduction!

August 29, 1980

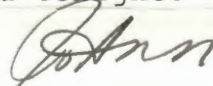
Dear Preppy:

Hope your day out at the Governor's home was nice. We missed your smiling face around the headquarters.

Maureen and I are planning to go to the Day Lily Restaurant (Chinese Disco) tonight. We would both love to see you and Tom D. (and Pete if he so desires) there. Your presence would be most welcomed.

If the Day Lily Restaurant is not suitable to both you and Tom, we are very flexible. We will call you around 6:00. If we are unable to reach you, call at Maureen's house and leave a message. Her number is 362-8079.

Hope to see you tonight!



P.S. Invite anyone that wants to come.

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NORMAN A. COLEMAN, C.P.C.U.

August 29, 1980

Dear Bob,

Enclosed is a copy of the style of thing which is taking place. The "Hey You" White House letters exist at the Broadmoor Golf Club for the picking of those who care to take one home. Your copy enclosed.

I wonder about the motivation which decided that anyone needed to go to China. Let's not do it to ourselves.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Bulldog

Norman A. Coleman

Rear Admiral Robert M. Garrick
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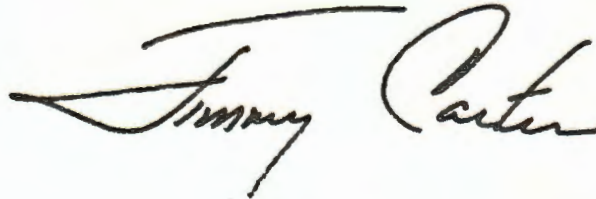
WASHINGTON

July 18, 1980

It is encouraging to note that growing numbers of older athletes are participating in sports. This added visibility serves as an inspiration for other elderly citizens to change their sedentary habits and adopt a more active lifestyle.

An outstanding example of this trend is presented at the World Senior Golf International Team Matches, a top-flight showcase for the considerable talents of older players.

I extend my best wishes and a warm welcome to the teams representing approximately thirty countries and to the spectators viewing this prestigious competition. May it produce both exciting golf and lasting friendships.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jimmy Carter". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered on the page below the typed text.

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12 September 1980

Mr. Tony Dolan
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Dear Mr. Dolan:

Thank you for your invitation to forward any suggestions I may have. I will certainly do so and in the absence of cognizance of your planned emphasis will suggest what I believe will get votes, the only calculus for winning any election.

I have attached a series of suggestions that I believe ...

- ... Addresses problems that aggravate significant segment of the voters.
- ... Build Governor Reagan's image as sincere, profound, competent and knowledgeable.
- ... Break votes loose from Carter because he is incompetent, wrong headed, self serving and not to be believed.
- ... Addresses getting the message widely disseminated.

My evenings, weekends and even business days, when required, continue to be offered freely for any way I can help.

Very truly yours,

Phil Jackson

PHILIP R. JACKSON
n/

Enclosures:
Suggestions

ATTACKING CARTER "PRESIDENTIAL IMAGE" TV SPOT.

I saw a short paid TV spot on Carter last night that "had him looking Presidential." In one segment he addressed the crew of the aircraft carrier returning from the Indian Ocean promising attention to their needs ... then he went home and vetoed their pay raise.

This is the "lie" Senator Goldwater referred to in his address to the Convention.

SUGGESTION.

Govenor Reagan can point this out. It would make this prepared TV spot an embarrassment to Carter and a waste of his funds.

THE CIVIL SERVICE VOTER.

Several million people likely to vote. Suggestion ... appeal to them by:

- ... Promising that any tax deductions will be applicable to all taxpayers - not as Carter proposes, just those who pay for Social Security.
- ... Promising that you will remove the Carter imposed parking fee at work. Singling out the federal employees for this is ridiculous. The Congress and major businesses in the private sector do not charge their employees to park at work. Doubt if the President pays for parking for the many vehicles that transport him and his staff around. Your energy package will be meaningful and not dependent on petty nuisance measures.
- ... Recognizing that for the most part Civil Service employees are dedicated and hard working. While you intend to reduce the cost and meddling impact of government, you intend to see that the dedicated people in government are treated fairly.

BACKGROUND.

The average Civil Service worker has been a constant victim of Carter policies ... more and more the good people are turning elsewhere because they are tired of being the whipping boy. They and the military are incensed by the parking fee.

TAX CUTS AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN.

Last week Governor Reagan spoke on this issue somewhere. Only a few voters heard the speech. This issue is too important to leave it to the press and TV commentators to disseminate together with their biases.

This issue first and the national defense issue second deserve payed TV nationwide programming complete with visual aids. Setting and delivery should demonstrate competent grasp of subject and sincere address of issues --- in terms that address the problems of the majority of taxpayers.

Suggest following points be included:

- ... Gut issue of take home pay erosion by inflation and higher taxes.
- ... Attack those who would belittle Governor Reagan's economic plan as simplistic as those who want to avoid the truth about inflation and taxes.
- ... Real cause of inflation is government spending more than it takes in.
- ... To decrease inflation you increase taxes to keep pace with give-away programs (the Democratic position) or decrease spending while increasing the numbers of taxpayers (more jobs). --- the Republican view.
- ... If you increase the number of jobs by stimulating supply you can decrease personal taxes so that more private money flows into investment further increasing jobs.
- ... Show how your tax cut helps all taxpayers - not the rich as Carter would like the public to believe.
- ... That you believe that it is time that this country stopped rewarding hard working people with higher taxes. That government give-away programs are not more important than the worker enjoying more of the fruits of his labor -- as the Democrats would have you believe. The time has come to examine and reduce the wastefulness in these programs and terminate those that have outlived their usefulness.
- ... Then show how the increase in investment leads to increased productivity and increased GNP --- more jobs --- and enough revenue increase to increase defense ... in an orderly manner over time.

B1 ISSUE.

Need to return to fundamental issue of:

- ... B1 as example of Carter's unilateral disarmament in face of incontrovertible massive growth in Soviet forces.
- ... "Stealth" argument may serve some purpose but most voters are not emotionally involved.

SUGGEST CARTER BE ATTACKED AS FOLLOWS:

- ... The penetration capability of the B1 was never at issue since Air Force was already developing cruise missiles for penetration. Purpose of B1 was much greater speed than B52 in escaping attacks on U.S. air bases and fly out areas.
- ... The irresponsible hasty cancellation of the B1 was nothing more than unilateral disarmament. Carter, in his haste to disarm, did not even try to obtain Soviet compensating BACKFIRE concessions in SALT II or to first study his promised cruise missile carrier - which was such a paper disaster that it quietly slipped from view.
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U.S. is entering very dangerous period where our deterrent to Soviet nuclear blackmail and even attack may no longer be credible to Soviets.

OVERALL NATIONAL DEFENSE ISSUE.

Suggest following points be made over and over:

- ... Democrats have started all recent wars.
- ... Republicans have been peace makers.
- ... Democrats weaken our military posture by years of inadequate funding, then enter wars that are timidly fought but at great cost in U.S. lives and resources.
- ... That Carter erosion of total defense posture and rattling empty scabbard is what will lead to war.
- ... Governor Reagan detests war ... knows that price of peace is strength, vigilance and credible resolve.
- ... Has now come sadly to believe it will now take years to rebuild national defense because Carter has allowed so many facets of our military forces to erode.
- ... Will make all volunteer forces work by raising military pay to be in line with inflation and industry, and by treating honestly with military needs.
- ... Does not believe that rebuilding an effective force can be called an arms race by any concerned thoughtful person who realizes how Carter has allowed the Soviet weaponry to exceed ours in every meaningful measure.

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It's understandably difficult to get
hold of you via telephone, but just
wanted to let you know that I'm now working
in the area (in R. & D. and P.R. at CUA)
and am available for volunteer campaign
stategy a few nights/days a week.
I haven't been in politics since last year
when I was an asst. manager in Cleveland's
mayoral race, so I'm itching to do something.
I can be reached at the above number
or at 259-4591 Eves. Use me, use me
use me.

- Hope

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Tony Dolan

DATE: August 22, 1980

FROM: Monsignor Eugene V. Clark

Dear Tony,

I'm sorry I missed you on the telephone, but I intended to put this in writing anyway so that you have suggestions regarding places along with a point of view that might prove helpful in each scene.

(1) St. Rose's Home, 71 Jackson Street, New York City 10002 (212-677-8132) is staffed by sisters called the Servants of Relief for Incurable Cancer. The present administrator of the home is Sister Rosaria, O.P. This is an excellent place to visit. The sisters are presently taking care of approximately 90 incurably ill poor people. It is a very fine place to visit to compliment them on their work and also to pay the whole Catholic community a compliment, since ultimately they support such institutions.

Focus: This home takes absolutely no government money. It becomes, therefore, a marvelous witness to what the private sector in this country always did and, despite heavy pressures to the contrary, can continue to do if people have the spirit to take care of themselves and their neighbors. It also might be a nice moment in which to recognize the fact that both Christianity and Judaism have always reinforced the spirit and function of generosity (charity) delivered from individual to individual as the primary and most effective form of caring for a neighbor in need.

(2) Covenant House, 460 W. 41st Street, New York City 10036 (212-594-0220) conducts a program called "Under 21". The Director of the program is the Reverend Bruce Ritter, O.F.M. Conv. (a Franciscan Friar). Part of his operation, and perhaps the most interesting one, is another at a nearby address on 8th Avenue.

Father Ritter positioned himself in the worst section of Times Square in order to give a protected refuge to under 21 year olds who have been forced or led into prostitution. His work is overwhelmingly attractive and a great rebuke to what goes on in the center of so many of our cities. His work is universally, even enthusiastically popular, across the board with all the people of New York City, excepting the crime families and a fair number of political figures whom he addresses regularly seeking remedies.

Focus: Father Ritter does an uncommonly great piece of work in caring for these youngsters, but he repeatedly begs someone to take up the cause of doing something about the causes of the horrors from which he rescues the youngsters. The statistics are shocking. Thousands of youngsters come into the city and are either seduced or forced into prostitution and held in the grimest kind of slavery. The focus is that, for a variety of reasons, the law is simply not enforced. If the Governor chose to take a strong position that the law must be enforced against these horrors, it would not only please Father Ritter, but would strike a note, I think, very welcome among civilized people.

(3) St. Brigid's School, 185 East 7th Street, New York City 10009, (212) 677-5210. This is a school run by the Sisters of Charity but staffed by lay teachers. The convent is at 3 Haven Plaza, (212) 982-8533, and the principal is Sister Mary Lou McGrath, S.C.

This is an excellent example of the ghetto schools maintained by the Catholic community all through New York. I assume that the Governor would probably prefer not to go back to the South Bronx, so I suggest this one in Lower Manhattan.

Focus: A visit by the Governor to one of these schools would be a reminder to the nation that the present slump in education caused in part by the low standards of the teachers' unions need not take place. These parochial schools take in the children who are alleged in other systems to be unteachable or so badly disadvantaged that they will never catch up. You can see the excellent results that contradict that thesis.

These schools present a very striking visual phenomenon. The area is full of burnt-out buildings, junkies, prostitutes, criminal types; and these schools are like oases of civilization.

Any or all of these visits will be extremely pleasing to both the Catholic community and all citizens who feel that under contemporary leadership, we have not so far successfully addressed ourselves to the increasing problem of the aging, especially the poor; nor to the shocking exploitation of young people by crime families in the great cities; nor to the question of the education of minorities and the general level of educational standards in the country. I believe the concerned people constitute a very large majority of the people in the country.

Let me know if I can be helpful any other way.

Kindest wishes,

E V Clark

Monsignor Eugene V. Clark

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MEMORANDUM

September 26, 1980

TO: ROBERT M. GARRICK

FROM: TONY DOLAN

RE: SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 27 AND 28, 1980

Daryl Borgquist Saturday 9:00AM - 3:00PM
and as needed Sunday

Larry Seidler Sunday morning and afternoon
(exact times not available
due to return from New York)

and as needed

Tony Dolan Saturday and Sunday
(will be at desk to receive
calls between 1:15PM and ^{to}
1:30PM)

Daryl's Sunday Schedule

my 8:30PM 7:00AM

- 9:00AM -- Depart for Church (National Evangelical Free Church,
3901 Gallows Road, Annandale, VA -- 256 - 6220).
- 1:00PM -- Return home for dinner
- 2:00PM -- Depart to do some sightseeing with wife
- 8:00PM -- Return home
- 11:30PM -- Bedtime

*To: Mr. Dolan -
note corrections and
consider this a short weekend.
Take the rest of Sat & Sun off.
R.M. Garrick
Director / Policy / Research*

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September 25, 1980

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SENATOR PAUL LAXALT
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SEP 30 1980
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Dear Mr. Laxalt:

Thank you for your letter of September 19,
which was passed on to me by Bill Barnard, our former
editorial page editor. The Plain Dealer will do its
best to urge the candidates to keep this a clean campaign.

Sincerely,

David G. Molyneaux

David G. Molyneaux
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19 Sept. 1980

TO: Tony

From: Bob Garrick

FYI - if you want to have someone follow-up.

garrick

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TIP call from *Mark Bunt*
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Waco based Army Reserve outfit -
Engineers - were
counseled in July 80 to make out
"wills" - in Aug 80, told to maintain
a deployable status (packed duffel
bags) because a post election
deployment is planned -

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27 Aug 80

Dear Bob,

Here's some material

It was good to talk
with you

all bestest
Lou

DUMP THE CHAMP

'White Cane'
day Oct. 15

WASHINGTON (UPI) —
President Carter has pro-
claimed Oct. 15 as White
Cane Safety Day and asked
all Americans to show sensi-
tivity to the rights and needs
of all handicapped citizens.

Congress in 1964 asked
that the president proclaim
each Oct. 15 as White Cane
Safety Day.

"As valuable as the white
cane is, however, it cannot
warn its user of hazards
more than a few feet away.
It cannot detect rapidly
moving vehicles, joggers
and young people on roller
skates," Carter said.

"Often a gesture as simple
as yielding the right-of-way
to a visually handicapped
person, or offering assist-
ance when it seems to be
needed, can make the differ-
ence between a safe journey
and a hazardous one," Carter
said.

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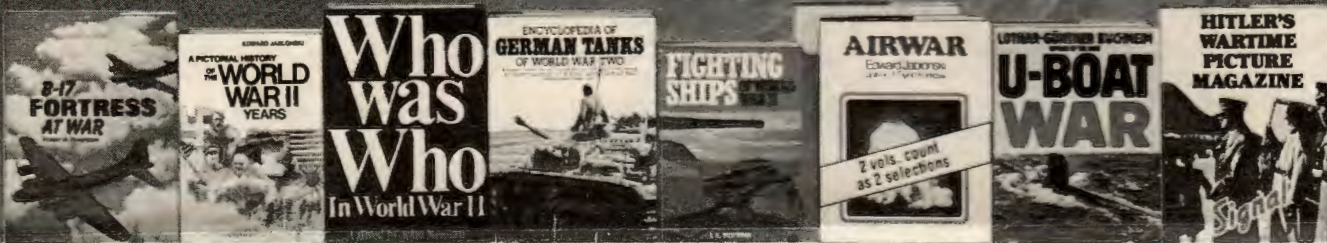
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Ramsey Clark Blasted; Carter Hit on Hospitals; V.F.W. Wins Registration

Newspapers sometimes refer to the summer as the silly season, when kooks and crackpots come creeping out of the woodwork with wild tales of writing spiders and the like.

Usually the types who hog the front pages and television screens during the silly season are harmless enough and quickly fade away with the other ephemera that makes up so much of our daily news diet.

An exception to this general rule is former United States Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark, who has been dominating newscasts, talk shows and front pages since flouting the law of the land by leading nine other stooges of the Ayatollah Khomeini, Iran's mad mullah, to Iran to take part in a "conference" on the "crimes" of America, while 53 innocent Americans have languished in solitary in that very country since Nov. 4.

Clark cannot escape responsibility for going to Iran in violation of the 1977 International Emergency Economic Powers Act, an offense that carries a penalty of up to 10 years in prison and fines of up to \$50,000.

While he was in Iran, he joined in the chorus of denunciation of this country's policy toward the deposed shah just as shrilly as he attacked the United States in Hanoi as Americans were bleeding, dying and fighting only a few miles away.

If the entire situation in the Middle East and Southwest Asia were not so serious, it would be almost laughable to recall that President Carter dispatched Clark early in the hostage crisis to treat with Khomeini, who refused to see him. That may be the old man's one rational act.

To round out Clark's disgusting performance, he took along with him to Tehran John Gerassi, whom he pros-

ecuted for going to North Vietnam when he was the nation's chief law enforcement officer.

Commenting editorially on Clark's Iranian escapade, the Chicago Tribune said, "It is unseemly that a man who, as U.S. attorney general, once was the principled champion of American law would allow himself to be so used by Iran, which stands convicted by the International Court of Justice as an outlaw nation for holding Americans hostage."

The issue is clear. Clark and his buddies violated the law. They did it deliberately. They must be prosecuted just as any other American would be under similar circumstances.

If President Carter is right in seeking prosecution of Clark & Co., he was dead wrong when he opened Veterans Administration hospitals in Florida to Cuban refugees.

In a statement, I described this as "the most callous betrayal ever committed by a government official against America's veterans," and noted that VA hospital directors have testified before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee that the Office of Management and Budget has denied them the money they need to care for veterans.

"Yet the Administration is going to use the available facilities to treat non-citizens while America's veterans are forced to seek medical care in charity wards of county hospitals," I asserted.

The White House instructed the VA hospitals to determine how many beds could be opened to Cuban refugees. Hospitals in Lake City, Tampa, Bay Pines and Miami reported 140 beds were available and some refugees almost immediately were admitted at Tampa.

My statement continued:

"The supreme irony is that veterans are being turned away from these hospitals on grounds that space is not available because so many are moving into the state. This Administration, which I have been forced to conclude is the most anti-veteran in our nation's history, has used this situation in a new and utterly despicable way to show its contempt for veterans."

At long last the United States will begin registering 19- and 20-year-old men and, while it is not the draft the V.F.W. has long been urging, it at least will provide an inventory of who is available if conscription should begin.

It also is expected to save as much as 90 to 100 days in case of a mobilization emergency.

Unquestionably, this is a long overdue measure and it is one for which the V.F.W. can take much of the credit.

Two weeks before registration came to a vote, I wrote each Senator, setting forth the V.F.W. viewpoint and explaining why the membership favors registration. Here is my letter:

"I urge you, as a national legislator, to support President Carter's proposal to institute registration of 19- and 20-year old male citizens and, concomitantly, to appropriate at least the \$13.3 million agreed to by the House of Representatives to revitalize the Selective Service System.

"This modest step will not solve all the problems associated with manning the All Volunteer Forces. In time, and I believe in short time, much more will be needed for the active and reserve forces, starting with Nunn-Warner and culminating in a fair, loophole free form of conscription as called for by Chairman Stennis.

"But for now, registration, and that alone, is on the table. It will be a small, but needed, step forward and commends itself as prudent, non-emergency measure designed to produce a flow of trained soldiers to hard-pressed deployed units some 85 days earlier than would be the case today. This simple arithmetic fact could mean thousands of American lives saved, possible early defeats staved off, and a no-choice turning to nuclear weapons avoided."

W/V

SECURITY CLOSEUP

By COL PHELPS JONES (U.S.A., RET.) Director, National Security and Foreign Affairs

CLARK NOT JUST WRONG BUT ILLEGAL

By now, as we all well know, Ramsey Clark, former U.S. attorney general, broke the legal ban against travel to Iran and, accompanied by nine former apologists for Hanoi (their 1980 hero is, of course, the ayatollah) travelled to Iran to apologize for America.

The nine who broke the law with Clark are: Mary Anderson, member of the American Friends Service Committee; Kay Camp, international president of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; John Gerassi, freelance journalist; Lennox Hinds, Rutgers University law professor; the Rev. Charles Kimball, a Baptist minister who was with a group that visited the hostages in December; George Wald, a Harvard biologist and Nobel Prize winner; the Rev. Paul Washington, an Episcopal minister and Philadelphia civil rights activist; Leonard Weinglass, a Los Angeles lawyer, and the Rev. John Walsh, a Protestant chaplain at Princeton University who visited the hostages in December.

On June 3, Commander-in-Chief Howard Vander Clute spoke for all of us when he commented that President Carter "fully and promptly" should use the powers granted to him under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act against the "Ramsey Clark 10" whose "fawning presence in Iran is not only wrong by every rational measurement, but clearly illegal."

Attorney General Benjamin R. Civiletti stated that

Americans who violated the travel ban "are subject to penalties of up to 10 years in prison and fines of up to \$50,000."

"Ramsey Clark, of course, as a former attorney general, bears an inescapable special responsibility to respect the law," Vander Clute said.

"He and his group are being used as propaganda props by the Iranian regime intent on humiliating the United States. This use was easy to forecast. Since leaving government, Clark has served as a role model for our paranoid crazies of the left.

"What could not be foreseen was his willingness—even eagerness—to break the law to play out his hurtful and divisive role.

"I urge the President 'faithfully to execute the laws' and seek maximum sanctions against Clark and his illegal group."

We shall now see if the former Attorney General, and his America-maiming travelling companions, are accountable under the law as are the rest of us.

REP. DELLUMS VS. NAVY OVER VIEQUES ISLAND

The subject, once again, is Vieques Island some eight miles from the U. S. Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Rep. Ronald V. Dellums (Calif.), a member of the House Armed Services Committee, who routinely votes against the security needs of the United States (on 21 of 21 votes from the 1975 B-1 Bomber vote to the 1980 roll call votes on the defense budget), set his sights on the Navy's training area on Vieques Island in a carefully

rigged "panel" hearing of the House Armed Services Committee. (Alabama's Bill Dickinson was present to keep the lid on.)

At the request of the Navy, the Director testified before this panel:

"I am pleased that the role of Vieques Island is under consideration by a panel of that Committee of the House charged with the common defense. Here, this emotional, manipulated, and media-hyped issue will receive, perhaps for the first time, a sober appraisal by legislators versed in weighing the validity of current national security requirements . . .

"A recent news story read like an article dated from the late 1960s. Twenty-one persons, including three clergymen, were arrested for protesting Navy and Marine Corps maneuvers on Vieques, eight miles southeast of Puerto Rico's main island. Carlos Zenon, president of the Vieques Fishermen's Association, called upon Puerto Rican Gov. Carlos Romero Barcelo to intervene 'or this will end up in a civil war.' The association claims that in various unspecified ways the United States Navy is 'violating their human rights.'

"The American Friends' Service Committee, ever quick to undercut national defense, chipped in with a real whopper: the Navy 'expropriated 26,000 of Vieques Island's 33,000 acres back in 1940.' Can Jane Fonda be far behind? My guess is that Jane is learning to spell 'Vieques.'

"Now, let's back off a bit and see what this one is all about.

"Roosevelt Roads, located

on the eastern tip of Puerto Rico, is the world's largest naval base. Vieques, located eight miles away, is the key to Roosevelt Roads. It is here that the different components of the Navy's combat team, air, surface and Marines, can train together as a team. For example, during Fiscal Year 1978, 282 ships and 1,200 transient aircraft, U. S., NATO, and Latin American, underwent team training at Roosevelt Roads, principally at Vieques.

"The Navy's safety record over 39 years of use reveals not a single civilian fatality or injury during bomb drops, gunnery and missile training, plus Marine amphibious operations. The noise level is closely monitored.

"Rather than having 'expropriated' Vieques, as charged by the American Friends' Service Committee under Title II of the Naval Authorization Act of 1941, the United States paid out \$1,432,315 over a nine-year period to former owners of the land. Vieques desiring to stay on the island were given extraordinary help by the Navy in resettling and building.

"Only 700 (of 33,000) acres are in the danger zone.

"Of 17 Puerto Rican fishing associations, the complaining fishing association is the leader in pounds of fish caught. Revealingly, they don't fish with lines; they set traps and nets and are free to come and go except on periodic occasions when maneuvers or live fire training place temporary limits on their access to very small areas, for example 1,500 by 6,800 yards."

By Commander-in-Chief Howard E. Vander Clute

ROC, ROK Firm

An invitation to Taipei from Chairman T.Y. Chao to attend the 1980 convention of the Vocational Assistance Commission for Retired Servicemen (VACRS), which he heads, in mid-April, gave us the opportunity to make a second visit to both The Republic of China on Taiwan and The Republic of Korea.

Representatives of veterans' organizations from 36 foreign countries met in Taipei to discuss problems and programs of mutual interest concerning veterans' affairs. A highlight was a dinner for 102 guests hosted by Premier and Mme. Sun Yun-suan.

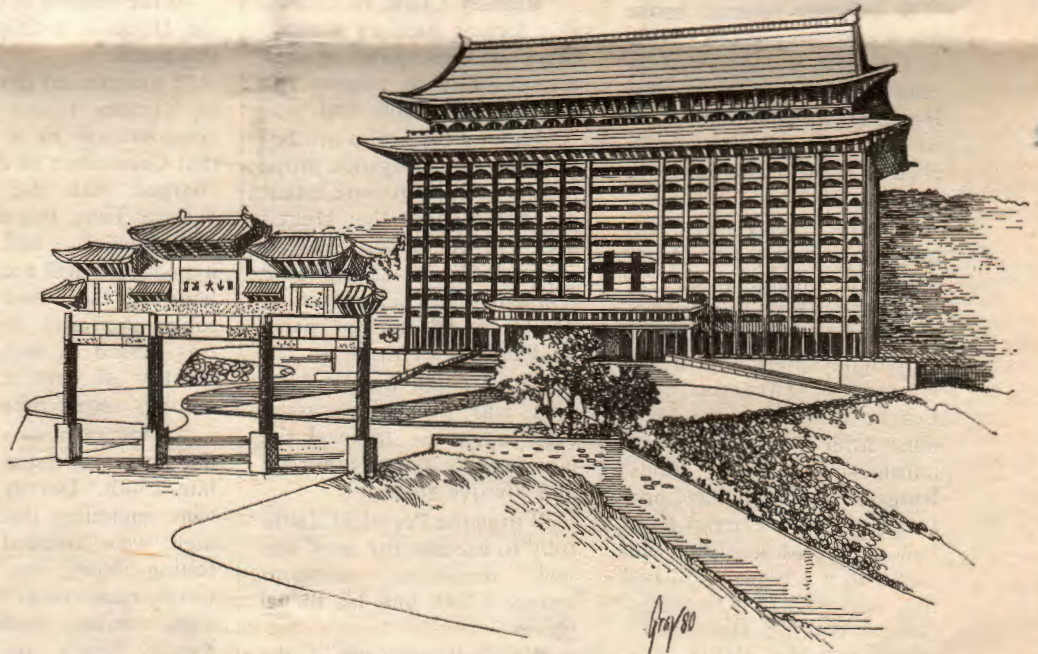
I am pleased to be able to report that the 17 million people whom President Jimmy Carter elected to abandon are doing better than ever. Foreign investments and business transactions couldn't be higher. Everywhere one looks, the Republic of China is growing stronger, tourism is expanding, the industrious Chinese are taking advantage of every opportunity to become economically independent.

The people of the Republic of China on Taiwan have a lot going for them. They have the motivation which was so instrumental in making our own country the great nation it is today. Their original leaders were exposed to Communism on the mainland and the people are well aware of its fallacies and shortcomings.

I can say without fear of contradiction that the most anti-Communist country in the world today is the Republic of China and for very good reason.

Its people's dedication to democracy and freedom is evident in everything they do and say. There is no question that they are prepared to pay the supreme sacrifice if necessary in defending their island homeland. They are committed to their democratic principles and will remain an example for all nations that seek peace and freedom to follow.

As your Commander-in-Chief, I am proud of the stand we have taken



Taipei's Grand Hotel where some of the functions of the 1980 VACRS Convention were held and where all foreign guests stayed during their visit to the Republic of China on Taiwan.

over the years to support the Republic of China on Taiwan. And I am also proud of the relationship we have established over the past 15 years with VACRS, as well as my personal friendship with Chairman Chao.

As in the past, VACRS will be represented at our 81st National Annual Convention in Chicago. I know you will give them another warm welcome and extend the V.F.W. hospitality they so justly deserve.

South Korea, which was also on the travel agenda, still remains a

question.

Following the assassination of President Park Chung Kee, some doubts about government stability arose. Martial law is still in effect with a curfew for all citizens every night beginning at midnight. The Koreans, too, are an industrious people whose economic expansion has been astronomical. However, the annual 30% inflation rate holds possible future perils.

But, they too, are committed to the defense of their nation against

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the threats of Kim Il Sung, of North Korea, and they, too, are prepared to defend their nation against any who would attempt to change their way of life.

The Republic of Korea military forces were among our greatest allies during the Vietnam experience. Their fierce fighting capability was renowned. Many of our own military who served in Southeast Asia came back with a deep respect for the support they willingly gave us.

Our counterpart in Korea, the Korean Veterans Association, headed by Adm. Maeng Kee Lee, a great friend of the V.F.W. for many years, continues to provide a vital and needed service to former ROK servicemen.

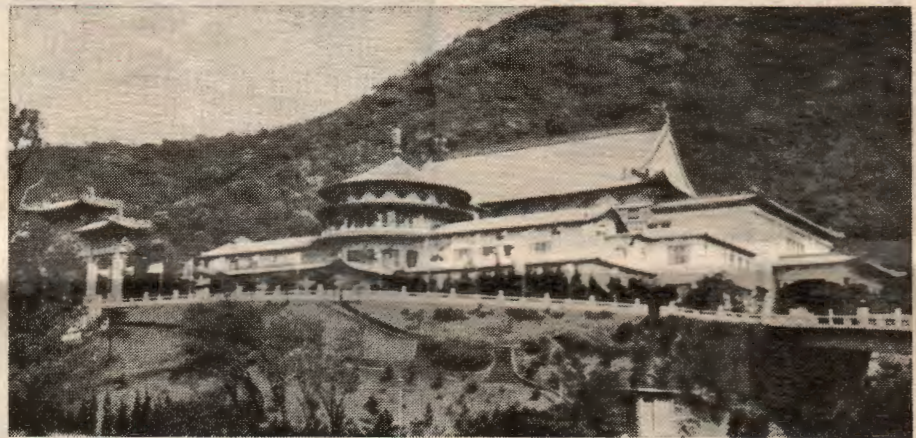
Adm. Lee also attended the 1980 VACRS Convention in Taipei and will be a participant at our Convention in Chicago.

Other representatives of veterans' organizations came from Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Lesotho, Luxembaury, Malawi, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Panama, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain, Turkey, The United Kingdom, Uruguay and Thailand. Besides the V.F.W., the American Legion also participated.

In my contacts with them, all couldn't be higher in praise for the host country, the Republic of China on Taiwan.

During my visit to Korea, I had the opportunity to visit with Gen. John A. Wickham, who commands U.S. and UN Forces and the 8th U.S. Army in Korea. He indicated the situation along the DMZ has not changed materially. North Korean agitation still goes on and several North Korean troops have been killed in recent weeks while attempting to cross into South Korea.

Reports attributed to defectors have revealed that as many as 19 tunnels



Chung Shan Building, Yangmingshan, Taipei, where the 1980 VACRS Convention was held.

may be under construction through the 151-mile-long DMZ. Some are capable of infiltrating an entire North Korean division per hour if a serious attempt to invade the south was started.

South Korea has about 600,000 men under arms compared to 700,000 in the north. However, the north has three times as many tanks, twice as many artillery pieces and aircraft and four times as many naval vessels. There is no question that it has a superior military capability.

Additionally, since the north is totally policed, it is difficult to obtain intelligence which could be useful in determining its intentions. It is strongly believed that any attack against the south will come without warning.

But Gen. Wickham told us there is considerable cause for optimism—that the South Korean government has been planning a new path since the assassination of President Park.

Since the conclusion of the Korean War, per capita income has risen from \$91 a year to more than \$1,700. And, although the real growth rate in GNP is now riding at only 4%, it has been averaging 10% for the past 15 years.

U.S. troop presence is the key to South Korea's continued security. The resolution we passed at our Convention last August in New Orleans to prevent the further withdrawal of U.S. ground combat elements from the Republic of Korea still continues to be appropriate and insurance against any aggression from the north. **WAW**



Republic of China Premier Sun Yun-suan welcomes the 102 guests representing veteran organizations from 37 foreign countries who attended the 1980 VACRS Convention in Taipei.

By Galen L. Geer

Holy War/A Fight to Death

As the evening prayer from the mosque's loud speaker drifts over Peshawar, Pakistan, the city seems to go to sleep. Behind closed doors and in crowded rooms along the back streets, it buzzes, however, with activity.

Political, religious and military leaders of the various Islamic groups, in exile from Afghanistan just a few miles away, are planning their next moves inside their homeland in another raid against the Soviet invader.

Since the invasion of Afghanistan last December by Soviet armed forces, the world has been ablaze with charges and countercharges. Governments have sent letters back and forth demanding the Russians withdraw. Even the Olympic Games in Moscow fell into the political arena, as President Carter asserted the U.S. boycott.

So Afghanistan, as it has been throughout its 3,000-year history that began before Alexander the Great invaded India in 327 B.C., is again a battleground for world powers.

The war actually began two years ago when a Communist government gained power. Within weeks the flame of freedom spread across Afghanistan. Thousands of Moslems from villages and the hills began to fight back against a government that sought to take away their traditional freedoms.

For the nearly two years of the first phase of this Afghan war, the rebels appeared to be winning. They continued to push the Soviet-backed army into defensive positions and were gaining ground. Torture, mass murder, napalm and total war by the Communists backfired. It appeared the Freedom Fighters would topple the Communist government.

Suddenly, thousands of Russian troops poured into Afghanistan in a brutal invasion that immobilized the nearly defeated Afghan army. First reports indicated the Russians would

Mr. Geer, a prize-winning reporter, recently visited Afghanistan and Pakistan border areas.



This crowded street in Peshawar, near Pakistan's border with Afghanistan, reflects the buzz of activity as Afghan tribesmen converge on the city to obtain weapons made by Pathan artisans to continue fighting the invading Russians.

crush all resistance.

Something went wrong. Although the traditionally rival Islamic groups continued their struggle for political and religious control, they did join together to declare a Jihad, or Holy War. The Freedom Fighters of the past two years became the Mujihidin holy warriors of today.

Examples of the fierce determination of the Afghans to oust the Soviets are found throughout the country. In the narrow mountain passes, the remains of Soviet T-62 tanks, APCs, trucks and other equipment litter the countryside. Although the Mujihidin appear to be out-gunned by the Soviets, they have combined their centuries of guerilla fighting with the few modern weapons—mostly captured RPG-7s and automatic weapons—they have

to deny the Russians use of most mountain roads. Between Said Khel and Seram in Afghanistan, I counted more than 50 burned-out tanks and APCs left over from the most recent fighting in the area—all of them bearing Russian markings.

It is not the first holy war in the nation's history. Afghans have fought to rid their country of other invaders. The glory of these past wars is a part of the glory the Mujihidin believe in when fighting. These holy warriors have vowed to fight the Russians until their country is free—or they are all dead.

The Mujihidin are organized more or less according to religious and political affiliations. Six major groups are based in Peshawar alone. Each one operates in an area of Afghanistan

mail call

Update on VMF 211

It was with great interest that I read Cyril J. O'Brien's article (January) about Wake Island, since it concerned Marine Fighter Squadron VMF 211. The squadron was reorganized and played an important role in WWII. My brief stint in 1943-44 with this outfit was mostly in the Southwest Pacific. Even after the famous defense of Wake Island, VMF 211 continued its distinguished career.—*A.M. Federico, 3291 Liv-Moor Dr., Columbus, Ohio 43227.*

Senator Comments on ELF

I read with great interest the article "ELF is Needed Now" (June) by Howard Silber. The need for this important submarine communications system is of the greatest national importance. Without the ELF, our missile-launching submarine fleet is vulnerable to Soviet attack. I commend V.F.W. Magazine for bringing this message to Americans. Readers will be pleased to know that the Senate Armed Services Committee, at my urging, recently accepted an amendment to the Fiscal Year 1981 Defense Budget Authorization bill to authorize funds for the ELF system. With this vital communications link in place, all Americans will be more secure.—*Sen. Gordon J. Humphrey, Committee on Armed Services, Washington, D.C. 20510.*

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Still others, often the very same ones, are determined to undercut United States' national security by supporting measures that would weaken this nation's defenses and further dismember its intelligence-gathering capability.

At the 81st National Convention, office-seekers who are anti-veteran and anti-national defense will be put on notice that the V.F.W. will oppose them and will stand strong on these issues so central to the well-being of the United States.

At the 80th National Convention last year, the delegates voted to establish the V.F.W.-Political Action Com-



mittee to provide veterans with an additional weapon in our continuing fight to protect veterans' benefits, maintain a strong national defense and to help elect or reelect candidates for federal office who share our views.

You may be sure that in the 1980 elections the full force of the V.F.W. and the Ladies Auxiliary will be felt. This year we must, as never before, send a loud, clear message to any who question our strength and unity of purpose that the V.F.W. will fight to maintain and broaden veterans' rights and to assure that our country will be so strong that no would-be aggressor will dare attack.

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