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And if you want to get some idea of what the future will be like in Fort Lauderdale four years from now, if the current 1980 rate of Carter inflation continues, listen to what some basic items will cost:

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REMARKS BY THE HONORABLE RONALD REAGAN
MIAMI, FLORIDA

Today I'd like to say a few things about a topic of great importance to all Americans--the topic of security.

You know, there are different kinds of security. National security is probably the first thing you think of, but I didn't come here today to talk about national security. I came to talk about social security, for I know that 40 percent of the citizens in this area are over 62 years of age.

Let me tell you what to expect of me if I'm elected your President.

I will resolutely defend the integrity of the social security system, a system absolutely indispensable for the retirement security of millions of Americans.

I will make absolutely sure that no senior citizen will ever miss a social security payment while Ronald Reagan sits in the White House.

There are some advisory councils in Washington looking for ways to reduce the cost of social security. One way they have in mind is to change the cost-of-living indexing for social security

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benefits. The change would mean that social security checks would not keep pace with the consumer price index we now use. I am opposed to that change.

I am here today to promise you that if I am your President, the social security benefits you have earned will be paid when they are due, and that they will increase in line with the cost of living, and that they won't be taxed away from you. I'm tempted to add, "you can depend on that," but since Jimmy Carter used that line in 1976 and then broke his promises, no one dares use that statement any more.

But there is another kind of social security that has nothing to do with retirement income or Medicare or disability payments, and yet it is very important to many Americans here in South Florida. That is the security of society against disruption by events caused by a national government which cannot define a clear policy in a matter, literally, of life and death for its people.

Let's not try to tiptoe around the truth. South Florida today faces a serious problem. And the cause of this problem is the sudden and unplanned influx of over a hundred thousand refugees from Fidel Castro's "worker's paradise" just 90 miles across the straits of Florida.

I can't blame those people for wanting to escape a Communist country whose government brutally punishes dissent, whose economy is in a state of collapse, and whose dictator sends their sons to fight Moscow's wars in Africa.

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But, I can, and I do, blame Jimmy Carter for authoring one of the most confused, contradictory, incompetent, and inequitable policies any American President ever concocted.

When Fidel Castro opened the floodgates in Cuba, Jimmy Carter spoke up quickly. He said he would welcome the refugees with open heart and open arms. That's an easy thing to say when Tent City is going to be under your expressway, not in his Rose Garden.

And he neglected to mention the other part of his policy--the part about the open wallet. Perhaps that's because the greater part of the burden of support for the refugees has fallen on the taxpayers of Dade County, the City of Miami, and the State of Florida.

When the tide of refugees began to roll in upon the shores of Florida, the man who had eagerly said "Y'all come" quickly had a change of heart. He issued orders for seizing all private boats carrying Cubans to U.S. ports, and for fining ship captains \$1,000 for each refugee found on board. But by the time that took effect the citizens of South Florida were beginning to suffer from the unexpected influx.

The federal government was simply unprepared to cope with the serious human consequences of Jimmy Carter's enthusiastic invitation. For proof you need look no further than Tent City, where hundreds of refugees exist in unsafe, unsanitary, and degraded conditions.

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Or you can look in the crowded corridors of Dade County's hospitals, where refugee patients are being treated. And you can look in the schools, which suddenly find themselves with 13,000 unexpected and unplanned-for new children. The cost of these extra public services is running into the tens of millions. Jimmy Carter says there may be some federal relief--if Congress gets around to acting on his legislation before adjourning for the election campaign. The way Congress has treated Jimmy Carter's legislative program in recent months, I don't advise you to start celebrating.

Jimmy Carter's disorganized policy has created grave public safety problems for Dade County. Most of the refugees have been honest citizens, workers, mechanics, some political prisoners, eager, like those who came two decades before--perhaps many of you here tonight--to start a new life in a land of freedom. Perhaps half of the refugees have come to rejoin their families here in the United States. But there have been some whose motivation was not deliverance from communism or a reunion with their families. They were hardened criminals, and their motive was simply to get out of prison in Cuba and resume a life of crime in the United States.

There can be no excuse for allowing criminal aliens into the United States. Whatever human compassion dictates in the case of those separated from their loved ones, whatever the sympathy of Americans dictates for those who are fleeing Communism--we simply

cannot admit into our country those who are a threat to the life, liberty, and property of our citizens.

But, unfortunately, the Carter Administration failed to establish any effective mechanism to enforce this essential requirement. It asked Fidel Castro if we could pre-screen refugees in Cuba before flying them out. Fidel Castro said no, and that was the end of that.

So into this country--into Florida--came hundreds of murderers, burglars, sex offenders, the kind of hard core criminals who could not be successfully absorbed into any society. Law enforcement officials report that Castro has apparently smuggled onto American soil countless agents instructed to stir up resentment against the Cuban-American community here in Miami, a community of some of the hardest-working, most law abiding, most patriotic citizens anywhere in this republic, a community whose only crime is its hatred of Castro's communist regime that has destroyed the freedom of their homeland. I know this episode has been one of great anxiety and heartbreak for Florida's Cuban Americans, and that it has unhappily slowed progress toward a fully integrated, multi-ethnic, multi-racial society here in Florida.

The result of this influx of criminals was predictable. Countywide, the crime rate has soared. The elderly have been particularly endangered. They fear for their safety in their homes, in the stores, in the streets. It's not all due to

criminals from overseas, but police say that much of it can be traced one way or another back to Castro's decision to dump his criminal element on our shores. Look at the numbers recently printed in the Miami Herald (9/7/80). In Atlanta, for the first eight months of this year, the homicide rate was down 14 percent from 1979. In Houston, the rate was unchanged from 1979. In New York City, the homicide rate is up 3.7 percent. Here in Greater Miami the murder rate is up a shocking 70 percent over last year's figures.

In short, Jimmy Carter's confused and contradictory policies have imposed a tragic burden on the citizens of Dade County--and particularly on its loyal Cuban-American community. It has been a tax burden--a burden on essential services--a health and safety burden--a burden of crime. Thanks to Jimmy Carter, a foreign government has, for the first time since the War of 1812, been allowed to utterly destabilize an American city.

The people of South Florida do not deserve these problems. And the people of the United States are going to have to help the people of South Florida undo the damage caused by a Carter Administration that acted, first, too quickly, then, too slowly, and, always, too incompetently, to protect the security of this vital, multi-racial society.

How to resolve this grave problem is not entirely clear, but some things, I think, must be done, and done well, and done soon.

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The people of South Florida--black and white, English and Spanish speaking alike--must first of all resolve to work together in a new spirit of amity to overcome the problems you now face. It is said that out of crisis comes opportunity; and perhaps, here in Dade County, a common effort of all citizens to deal with the refugee problem can lead to a new level of mutual understanding and a better life for all peoples.

But important as this working together is, you cannot be expected to work alone. The federal government will have to provide temporary aid, and quickly, because it was the policy of the federal government which caused the problem you now face.

The federal government will have to adopt new policies to create an expanding economy, an economy which can absorb the legitimate immigrants to these shores, true; but, also an economy which can bring jobs and paychecks once again to all those Americans--including particularly black Americans--who have suffered the most in the Carter collapse. For it is a well known fact: When the economy collapses, when jobs are scarce and insecurity the greatest, that is the time when racism and discrimination are at their worst. But the restoration of a vibrant, productive economy will do much to ease racial tensions, and instill a new spirit of confidence and concord in the people of this country.

The next President will have to initiate a new and stronger Latin American policy.

That policy must be founded upon a sincere new dialogue between the United States and its sister republics, a dialogue in which all come to the table as equals, and speak frankly and constructively with one another.

That policy must be based upon full cooperation among the hemisphere republics to accommodate the refugees from tyranny and economic chaos, rather than leaving that obligation to the United States alone.

That policy must have as its objective the expansion of all of our economies, the creation of jobs, and the increase of mutually beneficial trade among nations.

That policy will have to include U.S. assistance to other countries which wish to strengthen their rural economies and make it possible for their small farmers to remain on land of their own, instead of flocking to a Mexico City, Caracas or Sao Paulo, to live in misery, or stealing across the border into the United States in a desperate search for employment.

That policy will have to include a new commitment to strengthening the forces of freedom in the nations of this hemisphere threatened by external subversion, whether direct or indirect, including Soviet and Cuban-sponsored intervention.

America can have that kind of a policy. It can have a government that anticipates the consequences of its decisions, plans to meet those consequences, and makes sure that any burdens

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of its actions are shared fairly by all our people, not imposed on the citizens of one unfortunate community.

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