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## NEWS RELEASE

FOR RELEASE UPON DELIVERY:

Friday, October 3, 1980

CONTACT: Lyn Nofziger or  
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ADDRESS BY GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN

NATIONAL RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION

LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

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With your help and prayers, and with God's blessing, we will build peace, we will make peace grow.

In all we do we must truly be peace-makers, for ourselves and for our children, for our nation and for the world.

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SIX QUESTIONS 10/1/80 - 1:00 pm

FROM: Bill Chasey, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
~~884/847-8852~~

~~(He will be back in Wash., D.C. at 4:40 pm today)~~

QUESTIONS:

1. Many of our listeners and viewers are concerned about the moral state of the nation. What do you feel a President of the United States can do to maintain high moral standards?
2. How does your religious commitment effect political decisions you have made in the past -- and if you become President of the United States, how would your religious commitment effect your decisions as President?
3. Inflation is probably the biggest problem effecting our nation today. It is hurting us as individuals. Our homes, our businesses, even our churches and religious institutions are suffering from inflation. What would you do to control inflation?
4. The United States Senate has passed a bill that would remove federal court jurisdiction in matters related to voluntary school prayer. The House of Representatives has been unwilling to deal with this issue this session. How do you feel about voluntary school prayer and the lack of action in the United States House of Representatives?
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6. The traditional American family is under attack from many fronts. What can you do as President of the United States to preserve this prescious institution, the American family?

Chasey is working on talking points with the religious broadcasters and will get those in to us this afternoon.

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FROM: Bob GARRICK

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MEMO TO: Martin Anderson, Jim Brady, Lyn Nofziger, *Mike Deane*  
FROM: Bill Gavin *Bill*  
RE: Religious Broadcasters Appearance at Lynchburg, October 3.  
DATE: October 2, 1980

In conversations with Bill Chasey, the Reagan-Bush coordinator with Protestant groups, I have learned that after the Governor speaks, there will be six questions asked by a panel of broadcasters. I am sending the questions to you along with Chasey's "Talking Points" on some of the questions. This memo addresses those questions.

Question 1. (dealing with "the moral state of our nation")

RR's answer should be a "public" rather than "private" answer, i.e., it should deal with high standards of public performance rather than "interior" spirituality. RR should not be judging what's going on in the hearts of others and he shouldn't be dwelling on his own interior spiritual life. He should answer this question in this way:

"Your question is one that in one sense I have already been faced with. When I became Governor of California..." etc. He should stress the high standards he expected and got from his California appointees. And he should say that his California group was composed of members of all faiths. An administration can set a high standard and live up to it and in that way show by example what can be done to build moral standards. That is the best way to lead in this area.

Don't get into questions of the alleged spiritual decline, etc. That sort of thing sets him up as a preacher, not a President. Stress Judeo-Christian values. And don't say anything about Carter staff, Carter commitment to values.

Question 2. (dealing with "your religious commitment")

It is absolutely imperative that RR stay away from a discussion of his own spiritual life. His answer should seek to place him in a long line of Presidents who have sought Divine guidance, thereby putting his views in a historic context. Something like this: (first saying California experience was guided by spiritual values)

"All of our Presidents, regardless of the particular religious faith they held, have found that spiritual values added immeasurably to their stewardship. And all of our Presidents have recognized that religious diversity is one of the richest assets our nation has."

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"So, in answer to your question, I might say that my presidency would continue both of these great traditions: reliance on God's help and recognition of the vital importance of religious diversity in our national life."

"I guess it all comes down to the old saying: Let's all work as if everything depended on us; let's all pray, in our own way, as if everything depended on God."

Question 3. (inflation)

He will hit this one out of the park with no trouble. But he should stress that inflation is more than an economic evil. It destroys the self-confidence and spirit of self-reliance that made our nation great. Then a few words on economy and values.

Question 4. (school prayer)

Do not dwell on the particular legislation. Go directly to the school prayer issues and stress the voluntary nature of it and also stress total opposition to state-mandated prayer (see attached sheet from Chasey for particulars). In fact the first words he says should be: "I am totally opposed to any state-mandated prayer. Prayer must be voluntary."

Question 5. (FCC and regulations)

(See attached sheet for particulars.)

Hit the FCC section of the question as quickly as possible and then into our strength-area, regulations. What they do to limit freedom, etc. Need for some regulations but not others.

Question 6. (family) -definite home run-

Stress aid to elderly, record in California, concern for education as part of his commitment to family.

The point is that RR emerges from this forum having strengthened his image as a man of spiritual values but also as one who respects religious diversity (avoiding the "qualified Christian" remark by an aide).

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### Talking Points

- The Supreme Court Jurisdiction Act of 1979 (S.450) has passed the U. S. Senate and is dying in the Judiciary Committee in the U.S. House. Rep. Phil Crane has introduced Discharge Petition # 7 to release the Judiciary Committee from its responsibility and bring S.450 to the House Floor for a vote. There are <sup>182</sup>182 of the <sup>218</sup>218 required signatures on the Petition.
- S.450 will take jurisdiction away from the Federal Court systems on matters related to Voluntary school prayer and not in voluntary school prayer. Local jurisdictions will be able to decide how to deal with the issue of voluntary school prayer and appellate jurisdiction will stop at the State Supreme Court.
- RR is for voluntary school prayer. President Carter will veto S.450 if it gets through congress.
- Emphasize the Republican Platform commitment to voluntary school prayer.
- Emphasize that the Federal Court system will still have appellate jurisdiction over involuntary school prayer so that no child will be forced to pray.

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Talking Points

In principle - favor government deregulation in all areas - too much federal intrusion into business, industry, schools, private sector in general - particularly sensitive where freedom of speech and freedom of religion are involved - as in broadcasting. Commend FCC for moving in that direction, as they have with their proposal to deregulate radio stations (Docket 79-219)

- lessens burden of paperwork
- too bad that while FCC is deregulating some paperwork they're adding still more record keeping requirements on personnel hiring, promotions, etc. Under the banner of "Equal Employment Opportunity" their proposals on EEO enforcement add up to still more intrusion into the operations of radio and TV stations. - Essential that there be as little govt. intrusion as possible into the operation of radio and TV - intrusion jeopardizes First Amendment rights - freedom of speech and religion - PR would work to protect rights of rel. broadcasters.

Possible statement on people PR would appoint to FCC - sensitive to needs of broadcasters, religious broadcasters as well as "public interest" groups

# MASTER

FROM: BOB GARRICK

1:00 p.m.

OUT AT: \_\_\_\_\_

Tues., Oct. 1

- ✓ Senator Paul Laxalt
- ✓ Ambassador Anne Armstrong
- ✓ Bill Casey
- ✓ Ed Meese
- ✓ Jim Baker
- ✓ Bill Brock
- ✓ Dean Burch  
(For Ambassador Bush)
- ✓ Peter Dailey
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## INFORMATION

Enclosed is the 2nd draft of the Religious Broad. speech that RR will give in Lynchburg, VA on Fri. Oct. 3. Please return comments by 12:00 p.m. tomorrow, Oct. 2. Thank you.

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- ✓ Richard Allen
  - ✓ Martin Anderson
  - ✓ Jim Brady
  - ✓ Ed Gray

Others

✓ Ray Bell  
✓ Bob Gray  
✓ Bill Morris

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2nd DRAFT (WFG/RVA)

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OUT AT: 8:00 a.m.

October 1, 1980

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To: MARTIN ANDERSON, Jim Brady, Mike Deaver,  
LYN NOFZIGER  
From: Bob Garrick  
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With your help and prayers, and with God's blessing, we will build peace, we will make peace grow.

In all we do we must truly be peace-makers, for ourselves and for our children, for our nation and for the world.

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FROM: BOB GARRICK

OUT AT: 12:45 p.m.

*THURS. 10/2*

Senator Paul Laxalt

Ambassador Anne Armstrong

Bill Casey

Ed Meese

*✓* Jim Baker

Bill Brock

Dean Burch  
(For Ambassador Bush)

Peter Dailey

Mike Deaver

Drew Lewis

Lyn Nofziger

Verne Orr

Bill Timmons

Dick Wirthlin

Congressman Tom Evans

INFORMATION

Enclosed is the 1st draft of  
the speech that RR will give  
in Norfolk, VA on Fri. Oct. 3.  
Please return comments by tom-  
morrow at 10:00 a.m. Thank you.

*OCT. 3*

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Richard Allen

Martin Anderson

Jim Brady

Ed Gray

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Others

*Ray Bell*  
*Bob GRAY*  
*Bill Morris*

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Oct. 2, 1980

NORFOLK REMARKS

May I first say how glad I am to be in Tidewater, Virginia, with its rich historic heritage and its commitment to build a better future for our nation. Virginians historically have honored the values of family, neighborhood, work, peace, and freedom. I am especially pleased that we have with us today someone who represents the values revered by every Virginian, Governor Mills Godwin.

The Tidewater area continues to make a great contribution to our nation's defense of peace and freedom. You who live and work in or near the headquarters of the Navy's Atlantic Fleet and in the naval and private shipyards of this area, know that the defense of freedom depends on a strong navy.

But you also know that under Jimmy Carter the strength of our great naval forces has dwindled. You know that the dedication and the patriotism of naval men and women and their families is not rewarded by the Carter approach to pay and benefits.

On Memorial Day, Mr. Carter stood on the deck of the carrier Nimitz, returning to Norfolk after a nine-month deployment. He boasted that he was improving military benefits. He told those sea-weary sailors that he supported the Nunn-Warner amendment

which provides major increases in benefits as well as an 11.7 percent pay increase. But what he didn't tell them is that when John Warner and Sam Nunn were fighting to get that bill passed, Mr. Carter was doing all he could do to see that it was defeated.

I'll let you draw your own conclusion about what Mr. Carter's action says about this administration's commitment to the needs of servicemen and women. All I can say is that the next President of the United States will never exploit military men and women for election year purposes and that he will support legislation to help the military before as well as after it is passed!

While our naval strength has dwindled, Mr. Carter has responded with gestures. He landed on the Nimitz and Fritz Mondale just took a cruise on the Saratoga. What our Navy needs is more petty officers, not more petty politics.

Fortunately, Senator Warner and Paul Trible and Bob Daniel and Bill Whitehurst understand the needs of military men and women and are working for them. They know something that Mr. Carter has forgotten--if, indeed, he ever knew it: retention is the key to readiness.

And it is important to note that Democrats like Sam Nunn of Georgia are also dissatisfied with what Mr. Carter has done to our military personnel. Readiness is not a partisan issue. Democrats in Virginia and all over America are joining with Republicans and Independents in a coalition to ensure peace by retaining our margin of safety.

Every family in this area knows what Carter inflation has done to the hopes and dreams for a better future. But our military men and women and their families have been hit hardest because they are asked to make more and more sacrifices with less and less attention paid to their basic needs. That's why so many trained, capable, patriotic men and women are leaving the service.

--The typical enlisted family has a standard of living 17 percent below the minimum standard for Americans and 50 percent below a moderate standard.

--More than half a million military personnel, regardless of their skills, educational background or the length of the work week, are paid no more, and in many instances far less, than the minimum that would be paid for a 40-hour work week in the private sector.

--Faced with the challenge of finding suitable housing, the average enlisted person cannot qualify for a loan and, as a result, many military men must leave their families behind and undergo the hardship of separation, not for reasons of duty but because they cannot afford to house their families.

--As a result of low pay, thousands of servicemen must find a second job in order to make ends meet.

History will record that under Jimmy Carter our military personnel had first-class equipment taken out of their hands--and food stamps put in them.

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I believe there is a way to reverse this shameful situation. If I have the opportunity--and that will depend on your help--I will implement a program of compensation and benefits for our valued military personnel comparable to what is available in the private sector. Our country must provide the defenders of freedom with a quality of life that is equivalent to the sacrifices they make on our behalf.

With your support, and working closely with Congress, the next administration can and will restore and maintain America's strength.

Restoring the margin of safety--and building American security--will mean a new vision of leadership.

We will defend peace and freedom by successfully fighting inflation. Jimmy Carter has given up on that fight. And we will stop the waste, fraud, and abuse of billions of tax dollars annually. Jimmy Carter says he can't balance the budget and build a strong defense. That's right--he can't. But I can and I will and I'll begin by cutting out the waste and fraud in Washington that is a national disgrace.

Working together we can make America great and secure again. Working together we will not only feel but be more secure.

And one way we are going to build that security is to increase naval shipbuilding and ship repair funding.

The rebuilding of our naval fleet is part of the rebuilding of America.

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History has left its mark on the Tidewater area. No American can come here without being reminded of the great sacrifices that were made by Americans in and around this area. But Tidewater is not just a keeper of the memories of the past--with its great capacity <sup>FOR</sup> building and its strong patriotism, Tidewater can be a leader of the future.

With your help and your prayers, we are going to see to it that our great Navy once more is able to meet our needs. Tidewater Virginia can lead the way to a new beginning for all Americans.

American prestige has declined under Jimmy Carter.

American power has declined under Jimmy Carter.

I say there's nothing wrong in wanting to be number one.

I say American prestige can and should reach the heights it knew when Harry Truman and Ike Eisenhower and John F. Kennedy were Presidents.

We can and we should be number one. And if Mr. Carter says we can't, then he doesn't deserve to be the leader of our nation.

Let's make our beloved country proud and strong and respected once again.

Let's begin in Virginia.

The time is now!