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NEWS RELEASE

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Monday, October 6, 1980

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REMARKS BY GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN

NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

This visit to Wooster Square has been one of the most exciting of my campaign this year. Your neighborhood has old and rich tradition. You have a fine parish church, dedicated to St. Michael by your ancestors from Amalfi and Atrani who followed in the wake of Columbus to build a new life in a new land.

You have worked hard to preserve your culture, symbolized by your annual Summer Feast of St. Mary Magdalen which ties so many generations together as you keep in touch with your rich heritage.

Your senior citizens live close to their families. You have a fine parish school, where your teachers can join with parents in passing on your values and your faith to your children. To me, private education is a vital part of America, for it strengthens character and faith and promotes excellence. That's why I think the parents of children who attend private schools should be given a tax credit to help them pay the rising costs of tuition.

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in America: an owner who places his reputation beside his menu or his product, an owner who cherishes his neighbors, who supports the improvement of his community, who is not in business merely to earn a profit, but also to make his community fine and proud and respected.

I wish every neighborhood in America had the strong community ties that exist in Wooster Square.

But while your culture, heritage and traditions have prospered, your regional economy has not. Too many families around here and too many across the country are struggling to improve things for themselves. In many cases, they are struggling against their own government which uses their tax dollars to finance projects they don't want.

But there is a bigger threat to those people in government which is unresponsive to their needs and too eager to take their tax dollars. That threat is a government which so mismanages the nation's economy that nearly 8 million Americans are out of work. A government whose economic policies have produced a dollar worth 32¢ less than it did when Jimmy Carter took office less than four years ago. A government which has made its people forget about improvement, merely to concentrate upon economic survival.

Is there any greater tragedy, any greater waste, than a willing worker out of work? Look at what happened to the shirt company here in your neighborhood. When it closed down, six hundred of your neighbors lost their jobs.

That is bad enough when the people out of work are young workers, without families, still living with their parents at home. But just think what it means to the older, skilled worker who gets laid off. It could be the wife or sister or aunt of many of you here today. For twenty years, she labors with dedication and skill to produce a quality garment. And then, all of a sudden-- out of work. Now I know there is unemployment compensation. I know there is Trade Readjustment Act Assistance. These are safety nets for unemployed, and we must make sure they are always there.

But look at what happens to that lady's pension. She's not old enough to retire. She badly needs to work a few more years to get full pension rights.

She has the skills--she is eager to put them to work--her family needs the income. What will she do?

Chances are, she won't do much of anything for the next four years if the President who made this economic disaster stays in office.

The damage to the economy around here has extended to key job producing plants all over. A division of U.S. Steel has closed; Pond Lily is closed; Armstrong Rubber will be closing. Not only are skilled factory workers losing their jobs, but this also has the effect of heavily undercutting the trucking industry.

This country simply cannot tolerate another four years of willing workers standing idle as our nation's needs go unmet.

We cannot tolerate the economic mismanagement that leaves the skilled working women of Wooster Square wondering how they will survive--how their families will survive--how they will ever have enough to retire after a long working life.

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And with your help, and God's, I will do my best to earn that reward.

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FROM: BOB GARRICK

OUT AT: 2:00 PM.

Sat. 4 October

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(For Ambassador Bush)

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Others

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(tomorrow) Please give me
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Thank you.

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TO: Jim Brady/ Lyn Nofziger/ Marty Anderson/ Mike Deaver

FROM: Bob Garrick

I need confirmation that you have the New Haven speech sent to Wexford yesterday Sat. 4 Oct. at 2 P.M. (1400). This is an insert.

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New Haven speech - alternative second paragraph for page 1 JMc 10/5

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J.M.*

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4 October / Sat.

Jim Brady, Lyn Nofziger, Martin Anderson, Mike Deaver.

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EVENT FACT SHEET

Rick Atearn
203 777 1329

Date: Monday, October 6, 1980

Location: New Haven, Conn.

EVENT Statement on arrival -- 5:00 pm
Visit to Italian neighborhood -- 5:20 pm

REQUIRED:

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| Talking points | _____ |
| Statement | <u>X</u> Airport |
| Brief Remarks | <u>X</u> Neighborhood |
| Rally Remarks | _____ |
| Prepared Remarks | _____ |
| Speech | _____ |
| Other | _____ |

BACKGROUND:

Purpose:

Event/Setting:

Airport Arrival -- Brief statement - Democrats for Reagan--more info to follow.
Neighborhood -- See attached.

Audience/Size:

Other:

~~Balzano~~
~~614 783 1234~~

Political Background: To be provided by Rick Messick x. 3675

Issues Background: To be provided by John Morgan x 3705

cc: R. Garrick, G. Newell, R. Walker.

10/2/80

Update on New Haven neighborhood visit. 1:30 p.m.

Information came from Mike Balzano, approved by Greg Newell.

The Governor's motorcade will arrive at Wooster Square where the Governor will get out of his car, lay a wreath at the Columbus Statue, and then proceed on foot for a block to the meeting place of the Society of Saint Marie Magdeline. (The Governor will not go into the Catholic Church at the square which is one of the oldest, if not the oldest Catholic church in N. Am.) The Governor will go into the Society to meet with a group of clergy, Italian leaders, and labor leaders, and then go out to the portico at the same building for remarks.

Mike Balzano assures us that there will be no problems with raising a big crowd.

cc: Sally
Susie

Tradition - Nat'l Hist Reg

Small Bus
Parish
Festivals