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WASHINGTON

October 9, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT

DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT DIRECTOR, PRESIDENTIAL SPEECHWRITING

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Proposed Presidential Remarks: United Negro College Fund 40th Anniversary Dinner

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced draft remarks. It strikes me as a bit much for the President, in the second sentence, to express his "joy...in paying homage" to such a consistently virulent critic as Congressman Hawkins. I would tone down the sentiment, along the lines of "It's a pleasure to be here tonight to join you in honoring Congressman Hawkins..."

In the first sentence of the second full paragraph on page
3, "is" should be "are."

Finally, I question whether it is wise, on page 4, in listing prominent graduates of black universities, to mention by name only singers and athletes.

cc: Richard G. Darman

WASHINGTON

October 11, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

SUBJECT:

Proposed Presidential Remarks: Reagan-Bush Rally, Macon, GA

Richard Darman has asked that comments be sent directly to Ben Elliott on the above-referenced remarks by 11:00 a.m. today. The remarks discuss the contrasting positions of the two candidates on the economy, stressing that Mr. Mondale would raise taxes while the President would work to lower taxes further. The remarks conclude by criticizing Mr. Mondale's record on defense, noting that he would cut many major defense systems. I have reviewed the remarks and have no objections.

Attachment

WASHINGTON

October 11, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT

DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT DIRECTOR, PRESIDENTIAL SPEECHWRITING

FROM:

FRED F. FIELDING Orig, signed by FFF

COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Proposed Presidential Remarks: Reagan-Bush Rally, Macon, GA

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced remarks, and finds no objection to them from a legal perspective.

cc: Richard G. Darman

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 10-10-84 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 11:00 a.m., TOMORROW, 10-

SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: REAGAN-BUSH RALLY, MACON, GEORGIA

(10-10 - 8:00 p.m. draft)

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REMARKS:

Please send your comments/edits directly to Ben Elliott by 11:00 a.m. TOMORROW, Thursday, October 11th, with an information copy to my office.

Thank you.

RESPONSE:

WASHINGTON

October 11, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

SUBJECT:

Proposed Presidential Address: Greenville Technical College --Greenville, South Carolina

Richard Darman has asked that comments be sent directly to Ben Elliott on the above-referenced remarks by 11:00 a.m. today. The remarks are the standard campaign remarks, criticizing Mr. Mondale for his plan to increase taxes and being weak on defense. The President also criticizes his opponent for opposing the Space Shuttle when it was first proposed. I have reviewed the remarks and have no legal objections. I do, however, object to the concluding phrase of the penultimate sentence, which refers to the United States as "the greatest Nation God ever created."

According to Genesis, God creates things like the heavens and the earth, and the birds and fishes, but not nations. I do not know if this objection is the sort you would like to raise, but the phrase strikes me as ill-advised and, particularly in light of the focus on the religion and politics issue, a likely candidate for the "Reaganism of the Week" column.

Attachment

WASHINGTON

October 11, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT

DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT DIRECTOR, PRESIDENTIAL SPEECHWRITING

FROM:

FRED F. FIELDING Orig. signed by FFF

COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Proposed Presidential Address: Greenville Technical College --Greenville, South Carolina

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced remarks, and finds no objection to them from a legal perspective. I do, however, question the concluding phrase of the penultimate sentence. I had always supposed -- and the Book of Genesis backs me up on this -- that God concerned Himself with creating more basic things than nations. I would further suppose that if God did go about creating nations, it would be unusual for Him to do a better job with some than others. When the Founding Fathers created this Nation, they did so "with a firm reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence," but they did not suppose they had called forth a divine creation. I would delete "the greatest Nation God ever created."

cc: Richard G. Darman

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE:	10-10-84	ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY:	11:00 a.m.	TOMORROW, 10-11

SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: GREENVILLE TECHNICAL COLLEGE

GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA (10-10 - 7:00 p.m. draft)

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REMARKS:

Please send your comments/edits directly to Ben Elliott by 11:00 a.m. TOMORROW, Thursday, October 11. Please provide a copy to my office.

Thank you.

RESPONSE:

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

October 11, 1984

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT DURING UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND 40TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

The Sheraton Washington Washington, D.C.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. Thank you all very much. Thank you. Thank you Christopher Edley for that kind introduction and thank you all for a heart warming receiption.

It's a pleasure to be here tonight with Effi Barry who chaired this dinner and with so many friends and supporters of the U.N.C.F. Nancy and I consider it a high privilege to serve as your honorary chairpersons and I know that she would have been with me here tonight, except they've got her down in San Antonio, Texas. Politics may make strange bedfellows -- they're kind of breaking some up now and then. (Laughter.) Especially in campaign years.

But, Vice President Bush has other things on his mind, as you can well imagine, but he asked me to give you his regards to-night.

The United Negro College Fund has meant a great deal to George ever since he became an organizer for the Fund during his student days at Yale. Education has always has a special place in the hearts of black Americans.

Great figures like Frederick Douglass and Booker T. Washington grew up at a time when, in many parts of the country, it was actually against the law to teach black children to read and write. Yet, they overcame these injustices to become among the greatest educators our nation has ever seen.

In our own time, no less a figure than Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. stressed the importance to black Americans of good education. Dr. King said, "We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plain of dignity and discipline." And he understood that no activity requires more discipline, or confers greater dignity than the training of young minds.

Education has meant so much to black Americans because for so long, they had to fight for it. Just a few decades ago, almost one American in ten lived a life that was separate and unequal because of the color of their skin -- excluded from public life and from many of the professions.

And throughout those hard years, millions of black Americans saw education as a shining hope for advancement. And it was the colleges you worked so hard to sustain -- Tuskegee, Spelman, Fisk and so many others -- that turned that burning hope into a blazing reality.

I remember how, during the war, I narrated a film -- I was in the Air Force myself but they kept track of what my occupation had been before -- I narrated a film about black pilots being trained at Tuskegee Institute. They were brave young men. And one of them would go on to become a great General, a great patriot, and a national hero -- Chappie James. (Applause.)

I'll never forget how impressed I was by their esteem for Tuskegee and by their deep love of learning. And I'll slip in here a little bit and tell you that I'm extremely proud that just recently they made me an honorary member of the Tuskegee Flyers. (Applause.) Now, that's quite a step for a former Lieutenant of horse calvary.

But over the years, America's black colleges and universities have come to hold a unique place in history -- a place that makes them worthy not only of our praise, but of our loyalty and devotion. And for many years, you in the United Negro College Fund, have served these colleges and universities with just that, true loyalty and devotion. You've provided these schools and their students with millions of dollars in crucial funds. You've played a vital role in enabling their enrollment to grow by some ten percent in the last 15 years. And each year, there are 45,000 students on campus who are either receiving support directly from you, or attending colleges that you help to maintain. Now, that's a record of which you can be mighty proud.

Our administration joins you in supporting our black colleges and universities. In September, 1981, as you were told, I signed Executive Order 12320, committing the federal government to increase its support of Historically Black Colleges and Universities. In fiscal year 1982, these schools received federal assistance totalling \$564 million and in fiscal year '83, we increased that level to \$606 million.

Just as significant, my Executive Order also called on the federal government to encourage the private sector to give these vitally important schools still more support. The self-reliance and opportunity that we want for America's black colleges and universities are just what we want for all our black citizens — indeed, for all Americans. We're working to create enterprise zones to help disadvantaged Americans, especially those in our inner cities, to get off welfare and onto the economic ladder. We're supporting the Youth Employment Opportunity Wage to help teenagers find jobs. And across the board, we're striving to create vigorous, long-term economic growth.

We believe that opportunity builds prosperity, and that prosperity means a better life for individuals, for families, and for the institutions like black colleges and universities, that Americans cherish.

A genuine Opportunity Society -- that's what we're trying to build, and that's what the United Negro College Fund is all about. Just think, the black colleges that you support have awarded degrees to half of all black business executives and 85 percent of all black physicians. And your support has been vital to nearly half of these institutions.

One of the most profound aspects of your work is to help black and white Americans come to realize that, in Dr. King's words, "their destiny is tied up with our destiny and their freedom is inextricably bound to our feedom. We cannot walk alone."

No, we can't walk alone. So much of our country's future lies in the dreams of students who depend on the United Negro College Fund. They are dreams of opportunity and prosperity; they are dreams of becoming doctors, lawyers, and statesmen; they are dreams of breaking new ground on the limitless frontiers of science, technology and space. Together, let us walk into a bright future where all these precious dreams can, and will, come true.

Thank you and God bless you all. (Applause.)

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WASHINGTON

October 12, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT

DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT DIRECTOR, PRESIDENTIAL SPEECHWRITING

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Proposed Presidential Remarks:

Bolingbrook High School

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced remarks, and finds no objection to them from a legal perspective.

cc: Richard G. Darman

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to my office, by 5:00 p.m. TODAY. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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(Robinson/BE) October 12, 1984 2:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: BOLINGBROOK HIGH SCHOOL BOLINGBROOK, ILLINOIS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1984

Thank you, Principal Green, for that kind introduction, and thank you all for that heartwarming reception. It's great to be back in Illinois, and it's great to be in the proud town of Bolingbrook.

I understand that this is your homecoming week. Well, since I'm back in my home State, this is a homecoming for me, too. And I can honestly say: I've never felt more welcome. Best wishes to a certain football team called the Raiders. If the players show half as much enthusiasm on the field this weekend as you're showing right now -- well, I have a feeling they may win one for the Gipper.

Last year, Bolingbrook High received a Presidential Academic Fitness Award, and today I want to congratulate everyone who helps to make your school one of the best in our Nation -- your outstanding principal, Everette Green; your dedicated faculty and school board; and you, the parents and students. Together, you're setting an example for all our schools to follow. On behalf of the American people, I thank you.

Today we have just 3 weeks before Election Day, and our choice is as clear as any America has ever faced. Should we go forward with new optimism, prosperity, and strength? Or, should we go back -- back to the policies of soaring taxation and spending that weakened our economy, snuffed out so many opportunities, and threw so many millions into hardship?

We've already seen what happens when we follow the policies that our opponents have so faithfully promised to restore — the failed policies of tax and tax, spend and spend. We saw a once-proud Nation staggered by a steady erosion of economic growth. We saw punishing inflation and interest rates, a record peacetime tax burden, rising unemployment and weakened defenses. We saw families breaking up; bedrock values of work and neighborhood undermined; crime rates rising. You've probably noticed our opponents talk a great deal about fairness. Well, in one sense their policies were fair: They didn't discriminate; they made everybody miserable.

The sorry state of our schools illustrated the crisis that faced our entire Nation. Since the aim of education is to prepare America's youth for the future, it was only natural that, when our leaders lost faith in that future, many of our principals, teachers, and students felt robbed of their sense of purpose.

Scholastic Aptitude Test scores underwent a virtually unbroken decline. Science achievement scores of 17-year-olds showed a similar drop. School discipline began to break down, and we found out that many of our high school graduates were functionally illiterate.

When our Administration came into office, we put education at the top of the national agenda, and we worked to return States, local governments, and, yes, your parents to their rightful place in education.

And, what do you know? We're seeing results. From Maine to Illinois to California, your parents, teachers, school administrators, and all of you have begun to make our schools stronger and better. Your achievement is up, and this year Scholastic Aptitude Test scores rose 4 points -- the biggest jump in 21 years.

Much as we might like to, our Administration can't take the credit -- it belongs to you. All we did was something that every great President from Washington to Lincoln understood: Trust the people.

Yes, Washington and Lincoln understood that, but today there's someone running for their office who doesn't understand it at all. When our opponent looks at America, he only seems to see big Government and little people. And he has only one program to offer: Raise our taxes, and then raise 'em again to make Government bigger still.

That's right -- after years of taxing your parents too much, our opponent says he wants a massive <u>new</u> tax increase. His tax hike would be the equivalent of more than \$1,800 a year, \$150 a month, per household. Do you think we should sit back and let him do that to America?

I know you watched the Olympics this summer, and cheered on our American athletes to go for the gold -- weren't they great? Well, in our country today there are two teams -- the Washington Tax Increase Team, and the American Opportunity Team. Now, making the economy bear the burden of our opponents' tax hike would be like having a coach tell an Olympic swimmer to do laps

carrying an anvil, or a runner to sprint with a ball and chain.

But that's just what Coach Tax Hike and his Tax Increase Team

want to do -- and they kicked off their campaign this fall with a

call for more than \$85 billion in new taxes. I said it was a

kickoff. There are those who believe it was a punt.

We on the American Opportunity Team want to bring everybody's tax rates further <u>down</u>, not up. We want to create opportunities so that <u>all</u> Americans can go forward together, with nobody left behind.

Come November, the American people will decide which team is America's team. And come November, the American people are going to tell Coach Tax Hike and the whole Tax Increase Team to go take a cold shower.

We and our opponents both have records. Theirs is a record of big Government, higher taxes, weakness, and failure.

When their Washington Tax Increase Team was in charge all they did was fumble. Well, today the American Opportunity Team has the ball back and all of us are scoring touchdowns again.

Inflation is down, while growth, jobs, and investment are up. Crime is dropping. Our defenses are stronger, our people are united. And, yes, our beloved America is at peace.

The great choice our country must make in 3 weeks will decide not just who will occupy the White House or who will sit in the Congress. It will determine the kind of America we pass on to all of you. This is a choice between fear and courage, between self-doubt and self-confidence, between wringing our hands and rolling up our shirtsleeves to put America back on top.

If our opponents have their way, too many of you students would have to go from the graduation line to the unemployment line -- and that's not good enough for America. If we win, we're going to build a future together that will enable every one of you to reach for the stars. You'll know what it is to enter the workforce, or go on to college, in a land of prosperity, pride, and hope.

When I was a young man, you knew that if you dreamed big and worked hard, there was no limit to how far you could go. We're determined to bring that kind of real opportunity back for you, our sons and daughters.

Already, we've made a good beginning. But a big job awaits us to keep improving our schools, lead the world toward new frontiers of science, technology, and space, and, yes bring tax rates further down, so we can create more jobs and more opportunity for a better future. For the sake of you and all Americans, don't you think it's time we get on with that job? Together, we can and we will make America a shining Nation where our young men and young women can dream great dreams and make them come true.

Thank you. God bless you, and God bless America.

WASHINGTON

October 18, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT

DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND

DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Proposed Presidential Remarks:

Reagan-Bush Rally, Kansas City, Missouri

Counsel's office has reviewed the above-referenced draft remarks and has no objection to them from a legal perspective.

cc: Richard G. Darman

bcc: Dianna Holland

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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REMARKS:

Please provide any edits/comments directly to Ben Elliott, with a copy to my office, by ll:00 a.m. tomorrow. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: REAGAN-BUSH RALLY
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1984

Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, thank you very much.

It was good this afternoon to be able to say, "I'm going to Kansas City -- Kansas City here I come."

The evening's festivities will soon begin, and I look forward to this debate. My only strategy is: "I will not equivocate -- I will be heard."

I relish the chance to talk about what divides our view of the world from my opponent's. We see the world so differently. He represents a school of thought that sees things in terms of limits and endless accommodation. He loves big Government -- he trusts it more than he trusts the people. His America is an America as victim, wincing under the blows of history.

Well, that is his vision, and leave him to it. But we stand for the America of the People.

We have an honest faith in individuals. Our bias is toward the people and away from Government. We believe in encouraging growth and allowing the American people to unleash their daring. We see an America of pride and power -- powerful at home, powerful in the councils of the world, powerful in our ability to maintain the peace.

Almost 4 years after we took office, our country is strong again. Our aircraft fly again, our ships can leave port. We stand for something, and this is good for the world, good for the people, and good for the prospects of peace.

My opponent says he cares about arms control, and I share his concern. But what he may not know is: You can't treat an adversary like a special interest group. You can't just give them everything they want, and get a kiss, and call it peace.

My opponent says he cares about freedom, and I believe him. But, then, he should be rejoicing that under our Administration not an inch of soil has fallen to communist control.

My opponent says he loves democracy, and I trust that is so.

I hope he is as moved by the progress El Salvador has made, with our help, as he has been moved, in the past, by the marvels promised by the Sandinista government of Nicaragua.

My opponent is a quick-witted man, and in his hunger to succeed he may, this evening, try to deny some of the positions he has held on various questions. Well, he can change his tune, but we remember the lyrics. Heck, we remember the whole record, and we may hum a few bars later on.

The American people believe in freedom. We believe in the strength it takes to protect it. We took a great turn 4 years ago, we began a second American Revolution, and we mean to continue it. We will go forward and we will never stop, never go back, never.

And I share your faith that no harm will come to us, no sadness befall us, as long as we keep in our hearts the wisdom of the old fighter Joe Louis. "It doesn't matter if God is on our side," he said, "It matters if we are on God's side."

In the fight for freedom in the world, for justice, for liberty for all men, I cannot doubt but that we are.

Thank you for being here, thank you for your wonderful support, and God bless you all.

WASHINGTON

October 19, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT

DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT DIRECTOR, PRESIDENTIAL SPEECHWRITING

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Proposed Presidential Address:

Rockwell International Corporation,

Palmdale, California

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced remarks, and finds no objection to them from a legal perspective.

cc: Richard G. Darman

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 10/18/84	ACTION/CONCUR	RENCE/COMMEN	IT DUE BY:	10:00 a.m.	10/19

SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: ROCKWELL INTL. CORPORATION

PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA (10/18 - 9:30 a.m.)

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REMARKS:

Please provide any edits/comments directly to Ben Elliott, with a copy to my office, by 10:00 a.m. tomorrow. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

(Myer/BE) October 18, 1984 9:30 a.m.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION,
B-1B PLANT
PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1984

Thank you all very much. Governor Deukmejian, Senator Pete Wilson -- and believe me when I say with pleasure -- my fellow Californians. Being here among friends, with the professionals of Rockwell, and feeling your home State pride, renews our spirit. We're entering the home stretch, and we've set our sights on victory. I believe the election of 1984 will be a victory -- for the future over the past, for progress over failure, for hope over despair, and, yes, for strength over weakness.

And what an airplane. You know, I have no complaints about Air Force One, but I was wondering, does Rockwell take trade-ins?

Let me congratulate Sam Iacobellis, all the men and women of Rockwell, and all the subcontractors around the country. You are doing a magnificent job. And I know there could be no better group of people working together than you -- the men and women of Rockwell International.

Your teamwork is something to behold -5,200 subcontractors, 65,000 workers nationwide with 44,000
workers right here in California -- producing quality work, ahead
of schedule, and under cost. Have you ever stopped to consider
how quickly our problems would disappear if the Congress would
give us quality work, ahead of schedule, and under cost?

Yours is the work of peace. The B-lB strategic bomber -two-thirds the size of the aging B-52, with 35 percent more
payload, with one one-hundredth the radar cross section, and with
the most advanced electronic defense system in the world -- will
keep America prepared for peace.

The readiness, capability, and resolve of our Armed Forces are the greatest guarantees we have that our young people will never again see the ugly face of war. There have been four wars in my lifetime. None of them started because America was too strong.

Earlier this year, on Memorial Day, America laid to rest the Unknown Soldier of Vietnam. A grateful Nation opened her heart in gratitude for the sacrifices of those who have served. A week later, on Omaha Beach, on the 40th Anniversary of D-Day, I spoke of Private First Class Robert Zanatta of the 37th Engineers, who was on the first assault wave to hit that beach. And on a nearby, lonely, windswept point, we met the boys of Pointe du Hoc, the American Rangérs who took the cliffs and helped to end a war.

I made a pledge that day: To always remember; to always be proud; and to always be prepared, so we may always be free. As your President, I consider that I have no higher responsibility than to honor that pledge.

No one, absolutely no one, should ever ask the sons and daughters of America to protect this land with less than the best equipment we can provide. If our sons and daughters can put their lives on the line to keep us free, then, I believe it's

immoral to give them anything less than all the tools, training, and money to do the job right.

It's up to us, in this election, to choose, and choose wisely, between a strong, safe America -- an America at peace -- or, to slide back to the failed and dangerous policies of the past. There is no clearer issue in this campaign.

My opponent's voting record in the Senate leaves no doubt where he stands. From 1969 through 1976, Mr. Mondale's defense rating placed him in a tie for last place. Frankly, I'm surprised it was a tie.

He voted to delay or kill virtually every new strategic system: the B-1 Bomber, the Trident submarine and Trident missile, the cruise missile, our ABM system, and the modernization of our ICBM force.

And when it came to our conventional forces, the record was just as frightening, with votes to reduce U.S. ground forces overseas by at least 40 percent and to withdraw more than half of our military from Europe. When it came to aircraft, he voted to terminate the Navy's F-14 program, the Marines' Harrier, the A-7 for the Air National Guard, and to cut funds for the C-5 transport.

If it were up to my opponent, I'm afraid Rockwell might still be building the B-25 -- that is, if you were building anything at all. The truth is, if all his votes had passed, America would barely have any defense, any real means to protect the peace, any chance to preserve freedom -- and we can't afford that kind of protection.

When my opponent joined the Carter-Mondale administration, he remained true to his record: \$38 billion in budget cuts; naval ship-building programs slashed by half; Trident programs slowed down; military pay kept so low that many servicemen and women had to sign up for food stamps; and, as you know all too well, the B-1 was cancelled.

Well, today, candidate Mondale is promising more of the same. And when you add his promise of an \$85 billion tax increase, you've got two promises he's bound to keep.

Senator Glenn summed it up pretty well: "The Mondale record goes far beyond a simple disagreement over specific weapons programs. I think it reveals a fundamental lack of support for an adequate national defense." I couldn't agree more.

Mr. Mondale made a career out of weakening America's Armed Forces. Well, as long as I'm President, we will not shortchange the security needs of America.

This hostility to a strong, secure America -- an America at the leading edge of technology -- was also demonstrated in his opposition to the Space Shuttle. He called it a horrible waste, a space extravaganza. My opponent was the acknowledged leader of the fraternity of pessimists in the Senate, voting time and again to delete funds for the Shuttle and to reduce overall NASA funding.

Well, I believe that there's never a time when we should stop dreaming, and striving, and moving forward. The footprints on the Moon re-awakened us to mankind's boundless horizon, and showed us that America's future can be determined by our dreams and our visions.

Together, we've opened new doors to discovery, opportunity, and progress. The era of Apollo spawned communications, weather, navigation, and Earth resource satellites, and many new industries. We built a technological base second to none, and all the while, we've served the down-to-Earth needs of our people.

And today, thanks to the work that you're doing here with the Shuttle, we're pushing the frontiers of space back even farther. And we'll keep on pushing. As long as I'm on watch, we'll accept the challenge of space and keep battling for the future, for discovery, for new jobs and markets, and for knowledge. We have a promises to keep -- to ourselves, and to our young. And let me say of our young people -- they are a shining generation. Travelling across the country and seeing our high school and college students has been a wonderful experience. They're bright and creative and idealistic. They have faith in themselves and faith in us, and faith in America. And we must do all we can to see that the world they inherit from us is as full of decency and daring as the world into which we were born.

To give our future a chance, we must keep moving toward new frontiers in science, technology, and space. And to give peace a chance to grow and settle in, we must remain strong. Those who have no vision of the future have no business leading America. And those who believe a weaker America is a safer America have no business guiding the destiny of our Nation.

In 1981, we went to work repairing the damage caused by wrong-headed thinking. Besides working to restore the strategic balance, we started to rebuild our conventional defenses. And today, every major commander in the field agrees that America's military forces have better people who are better armed, better trained, with better support behind them.

If we were to stop now, in midstream, we would send a signal of decline, lessened will, and weakness, to friends and adversaries alike. If we were ever to return to the time when we modernized our defenses in fits and starts, each time losing the security we gained earlier, then we would never be certain of our security. We would never be able to convince the Soviet leadership that it is in their interest to sit down and negotiate equitable arms reductions -- and the American people know it.

It's always easy to argue for reductions in defense spending, just as it's easy to pretend that one can call the Soviet leaders on the telephone, as my opponent has proposed, and persuade them in a moment to alter the course they have followed for decades. It's also nonsense, and the American people know it.

There is no quick and easy way. The solution is firmness and patience. The only safe and sensible route is to make sure we are prepared to defend freedom, prepared for peace, and remain committed to fair and equitable arms reductions, and the American people know that, too.

From our earliest years, our Presidents have stressed the crucial role of preparedness in promoting peace and stability.

George Washington said, "There is nothing so likely to produce peace as to be well-prepared to meet a [foe]." Closer to our own times, Harry Truman said, "The will for peace without the strength for peace is of no avail." And John Kennedy said, "The primary purpose of our arms is peace, not war. Our preparation against danger is our hope of safety."

Now my opponents can't stand it when I start talking about Harry Truman or J.F.K. Well, of course they can't -- because it just shows how far they, the leadership today of the Democratic party, have strayed from the great strengths of the Democratic political tradition. And nowhere is the drift more evident than their unwillingness to keep us prepared for peace, and the American people know it.

You know, I wanted to speak to all of you today about the meaning of the work you're doing here because I believe what you're doing is making sure that America always has the ability to preserve liberty and a sense of vision, free institutions, and limited Government, and above all, freedom.

Four years ago, our Nation chose the road of peace through strength -- a road built upon a realistic understanding of the world around us, and continuing faith in American values.

Fifteen days from now, it will again be a time for choosing. We can be confident, because we can trust the American people.

Thank you and God bless you all.

WASHINGTON

October 25, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL E. BAROODY

DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

DIRECTOR, PUBLIC AFFAIRS

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Statement for Jewish Exponent (Prepared by Reagan-Bush '84)

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced candidate statement, and finds no objection to it from a legal perspective.

cc: Richard G. Darman

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Richard G. Darman Assistant to the President Ext. 2702

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The President's Authorized Campaign Committee

MEMORANDUM

TO:

MARGARET TUTWILER

THROUGH:

ED ROLLINS

FROM:

JIM LAKE

DATE:

OCTOBER 24, 1984

RE:

JEWISH EXPONENT

Per the procedures outlined in Fred Fielding's November 28, 1983 memo on candidate questionnaires, I am enclosing draft responses to a set of questions from Jewish Exponent.

Please advise me at your earliest possible convenience of White House approval of the responses.

THE HONORABLE RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Statement for JEWISH EXPONENT October 16, 1984

Four years ago, as a private citizen, I argued that the strength and well-being of the United States and Israel are bound together as one. I said: "No policy, no matter how heartfelt, no matter how deeply rooted in the humanitarian vision we share, can succeed if the United States of America continues its descent into economic impotence and despair."

At that time, double-digit inflation, interest rates that crippled the hopes of young families, and taxes that had doubled in the previous five years had left our economy reeling. It all added up to the worst economic mess this nation has faced since the Great Depression.

In foreign affairs, the U.S. had lost the respect of friend and foe alike; our defenses and willpower were weak. As a result, our commitments to allies like Israel were seldom taken seriously.

Today, just four years later, we have renewed pride in our country, our accomplishments and ourselves. Working together, the American people have replaced America's descent into disillusionment and despair with a freedom tide which can last through the ages.

At home, we cut taxes for every American and slashed the rate of growth of federal spending. We unleashed the genius of private enterprise, and saw more than six million new American jobs generated as a result. We crushed inflation and brought interest rates to levels nearly 50 percent lower than when we took office.

Civil rights laws are being enforced with strong determination; we've filed more criminal charges on civil rights violations, brought more violators to trial and won more civil rights convictions than any Administration before us.

Ours is a nation based on the inherent rights of the individual, where all women and men must be judged on merit and effort. That is why we support a color-blind society, oppose discriminatory quotas that would undermine the very concept of equality itself, and have revamped the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, so that it once again represents independence and civil rights for all Americans.

In foreign affairs, we've regained the respect of the world. With our military forces better equipped, better trained and better paid than ever before, we are indeed a nation prepared for peace.

Our relations with our European allies and Asian allies like Korea and Japan are stronger, and our relationship with China is at its best ever. And while we remain hopeful about seeking permanent peace with the Soviets, we will never, ever do so at the expense of our freedom.

Today, relations between the U.S. and Israel -- our only true ally in the Middle East -- are closer than ever before.

Building on agreements we achieved with Prime Ministers Shamir and Begin, Prime Minister Peres and I recently conducted extensive talks in Washington that will lead our nations to share continued peace, security and well-being.

Even though from 1981-84, U.S. aid to Israel totaled nearly \$9.5 billion, more than has been provided by any previous Administration over a comparable period, we will be providing Israel a \$2.6 billion aid package for 1985. And to help Israel deal with other economic adjustments it must make in the coming months and years, we have just called for the creation of a joint economic task force that will assist them in that process. And for the first time ever, the U.S. package will be made up entirely of grants instead of loans as in the past.

Soon, duty-free trade zones under which both our countries would be exempt from each other's import duties will be implemented. When completed, this historic agreement will be the first such pact ever in our nation's history and will ease the economic burdens on both Israel and the U.S.

We understand and strongly support in every important respect the security needs of Israel. Our 1982 peace proposal is based firmly on the Camp David Accords and U.N. Resolutions 242 and 338 and we will oppose any Middle East solution which does not take these fully into account.

We resolutely oppose the assaults of the Palestine Liberation Organization and refuse to recognize or negotiate with them as long as they continue to promote terrorism and reject Israel's right to exist. In the United Nations, we will continue to stand by Israel. If Israel is ever forced to leave the U.N., the United States and Israel will leave together. We've already announced our break from UNESCO and will continue to withhold payments to other UN organizations that unfairly challenge the credentials of our Israeli neighbors.

Anti-Semitism must be despised wherever it may be found. It is paramount that we repudiate and disassociate ourselves from the practice anywhere in the world of any form of bigotry, racism, anti-semitism or religious intolerance -- period. Incredibly, the Democratic Convention that nominated our opponents refused to do this.

And we will refuse to accept as morally right Soviet excuses for their brutal persecution of Jews or similar treatment of Jews by their Nicaraguan surrogates.

In short, we believe that the sovereignty, security and integrity of Israel -- and the freedom of Jews not only here but all over the world -- are moral imperatives we as a nation and a compassionate people must uphold.

Under my Administration, Israel and the U.S. will remain permanent allies in the defense of freedom. Israel deserves it and we deserve it.

But even more importantly, humankind deserves to see forever, the example our two nations, together, will set.