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FROM: BOB GARRICK

OUT AT: 7:45 A.M.

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*(Send now
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From: Garrick (McClaughry)

Re: Orlando Speech - In House comments

Roger Wallace (Anne Armstrong) believes that any reference to decreasing the value of the dollar during the Nixon-Ford years is "anti Republican" and "anti-Ford", even though the Carter record is infinitely worse. (pp 1-2)

Bill Morris objects to language in the top half of page 4 where even the idea of "voluntary" social security is mentioned, is a mistake, and will "confuse the voters".

The Leisure World senior citizen insert, which accompanies this memo, is intended to be our standard insert on senior citizens and social security. We suggest you use that in all senior apperances, beginning with Orlando. It includes the repeal of the earnings limit, an idea already cleared with Marty Anderson (cost: about \$2 billion gross, with some reflow from FICA and income tax collections; net amount debatable.)

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REQUIRED:

Talking points	___
Statement	___
Brief Remarks	___
Rally Remarks	<u>X</u>
Prepared Remarks	___
Speech	___
Other	___

BACKGROUND:

Purpose: *Motivate RR voters.* *Peace*
Target Seniors *Leadership*

Event/Setting:

The speech will be delivered at Atlantis Theater at Sea World. The crowd will be a general audience, but will include senior citizens who have been bussed in.

Audience/Size:

Theater seats 5000.

Other:

Rosalyn Carter's speech has been sent to Speechwriters & Research.

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.