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I asked Steve Symms about Senator Church's voting record on defense issues. And do you know what he told me? He told me that on 41 of 45 key defense research, development and procurement issues over the last 12 years, Senator Church has voted in the negative forty-one times!

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BUT federal spending and defense are not the only issues of 1980. America runs on energy, energy for factories, energy for vehicles, energy for our homes and farms. And when it comes to generating electrical energy, nuclear power is a vital part of our national energy capacity.

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So I hope you'll give him not only a vote of thanks, but a vote of confidence to represent Idaho in the Senate for the next six years. I need men and women in the Senate and House who will back me in my efforts to turn this country around. I know I can count on Jim McClure - but I need another strong voice and sure vote from Idaho, not a Senator like Frank Church who time and again cancels out Jim McClure's responsible votes.

With this kind of support, we can work together effectively to begin straightening out the mess in Washington , and get this country turned around . I know Idaho will answer this call.

Draft WFG  
11 Oct.

TO: Ken Khachigian, Jim Brady, Marty Anderson, Lyn Nofziger,  
Mike Deaver  
FROM: Bob Garrick

Addition for Idaho Falls Insert

*Send Garrick  
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I want you to know that I share with you and with George, Steve and Jim the conviction that nuclear energy, with proper safeguards, is an important part of our energy future. As President I will work to see that we ensure that nuclear power continues to be used safely, with the high standards you have helped set.

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EXCERPTS FROM REMARKS BY GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN

IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO

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I'm especially pleased to be here in Idaho today because I want to do everything I can to encourage the people of Idaho to elect Steve Symms to the U.S. Senate. As you know I'm looking for a job. If I get it the next administration won't put Idaho or the West on a "hit list," the way the Carter administration has.

As Governor of California for eight years, I grew to understand the special difficulties Western residents face. I learned long ago something this administration apparently still doesn't know--that Westerners themselves do a far better job of allocating their precious water resources and developing their lands than does a federal government hundreds of miles away in Washington, D.C.

The next administration won't treat the West as if it were not worthy of attention.

The next administration will reflect the values and the goals of the Sagebrush Rebellion. Indeed we can turn the Sagebrush Rebellion into the Sagebrush Solution.

I know and love the West. Its values and goals are at the heart of Steve Symm's campaign. He is a leader who is going to provide the families of Idaho with a voice in the Senate.

No president can rein in runaway federal spending and cut back runaway federal taxation and eliminate needless and stifling federal regulation single-handed. He must have strong congressional support. Even without an actual majority in the Senate

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There are so many issues that I could choose to demonstrate the current administration's total lack of understanding of the problems of the families of the West and of Idaho. But we'd be here for days if I listed all of them, so let me discuss just two key issues.

The first has to do with the fundamental issue of water. Conservation and development of water resources is vital, not only for the West and for Idaho but for our nation because the West is more and more providing direction and leadership for our nation.

If the nation thinks the energy crisis is bad--and it is-- then what will we think if we ever get to the point when we find our water policies have led us to a crisis?

The Carter administration simply does not understand this.

But I do and we are going to work to see that a water policy that meets the needs of the West and of Idaho and the American people become a reality. We will develop a partnership between the federal government and the state governments which will respect the traditional role of the states in water law.

With help from Congressmen and Senators with the courage and vision of Steve Symms, we will have cooperation between the Executive and Legislative Branches in developing and implementing that policy.

There has been no such partnership during the Carter administration. All we have seen is bitter confrontation, confusion, indifference to the needs of millions of Americans and a general policy of obstruction on the part of the administration.

Today here in this state the Carter administration has closed lands that are rich in the minerals we need and now import--among them cobalt. It is estimated that Idaho has enough cobalt to reduce our imports by 20 percent.

I pledge you my cooperation.

We can develop multiple-use projects.

We can clean our lakes and rivers.

We can meet the needs of irrigated agriculture.

We can achieve a workable balance between the many competing demands on our water resources.

That doesn't mean that you don't place a premium on the natural beauty of Idaho. I know better. You love this land and you would never agree to its exploitation if that meant sacrificing its beauty to get at its riches. But there is a common sense way to have both.

The second key issue is energy. The president would have us believe that we are energy poor. But you and I know that isn't true. We have here in the West potential energy sources that are sufficient to make the United States self sustaining. They range from coal--oil--natural gas--geothermal--and of course hydroelectric energy.

And as in so many areas of our national life, Idaho and the West are playing leading roles in the development of nuclear energy, which I think we can succeed in making even safer.

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I don't have to tell you that policies like the ones I'm describing don't just happen. They have to be made, the way the progress of the West was made--through hard work and dedication and a vision of the common good.

But I know Westerners would rather spend the next few years working together for the common good than enduring another four years of neglect.

And so I leave you with this message:

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Work to see that the next administration is one that recognizes that voice and understands it. I need your help.

Together we will build a new spirit that reflects the best that Idaho and the West has to give.

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I refer to the elemental, basic, fundamental issue: water.

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M/W 10:02am  
J*

TO: Jim Brady, Lyn Nofziger, Marty Anderson, Mike Deaver  
FROM: Bob Garrick Draft(SL/DD/WFG)  
October 10 1980

Sioux Falls Insert

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Send  
Garrick  
10 Oct  
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South Dakota farm and ranch families don't need to be told what inflation has done to our country. Jimmy Carter's inflation has taken the profit out of farming and the heart out of many farm families.

Quite often we cannot find words to adequately describe those things we hold most dear: our homes, our families, our faith in God. Instead, we talk about other subjects, perhaps more easy to discuss, like economy and government policy and programs. But when I do this, I want you to know I realize that what is at the heart of the matter is not statistics, not print-outs from some government computer but you--the families of South Dakota and families like yours all across America.

Since those things we hold most dear lie beyond our gifts to express, let me talk about those aspects of our lives words can describe and let's begin with what is happening to the hard-earned dollars that help your family.

Based on what the dollar would have bought in 1967, net income from farming in 1980 will be the lowest since the depression of the 1930's. In 1973, the highest net income year ever for American farmers, it was \$25.1 billion in 1967 dollars. This year in those "real" dollars it will be down to \$9.8 billion.

But farmers and their families already know what has happened to them in the past three and one-half years. What they want to know is what is going to happen to them in the 1980's.

I say it's time to get America back on the track - moving ahead again - and let's begin with American farms. Let's put the profit back in farming!

Trans to RR plane  
10/10 10:20 AM  
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