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VI. PITFALLS

This subject will be discussed in the debate preparations sessions.

VIII. SAMPLE QUESTIONS

The following is a first installment of sample questions. Additional questions and draft statements to be made will be provided next week in the course of debate preparation.

10/12/84

QUESTIONS

1. Value of Arms Control?: Can you give us your personal view on the value of arms control? Is it true that you've never favored an arms control agreement?
2. Nuclear Freeze: Why not go for a mutual and verifiable nuclear freeze?
3. Arms Control: Leadership: Observers say we can't make progress on arms control until you master the process. Why haven't you done so, and cracked heads within the Administration?
4. Election Year Politics?: You have used the strongest of rhetoric in describing the Soviets and joked about bombing them. Now you talk about being ready for negotiations. Why should the Soviets think this is anything other than election year politics?
5. Nuclear Threat: How great is the danger of nuclear war today and what are you doing to reduce it?
6. "Star Wars": Your proposal for a defensive shield to protect the U.S. against nuclear attack takes the arms race into the heavens, and will require abrogation of the ABM treaty. Why do you believe this Star Wars initiative adds to U.S. security?
7. Defense: What level of defense spending should we incur, and what can we do about Pentagon mismanagement?
8. M-X - B-1: Why do we need a vulnerable heavy missile (M-X) and an expensive bomber (B-1) that will be obsolete almost as soon as it's operational?
9. Central America/Mining: The U.S. complained about mines in the Red Sea near the Suez Canal. But we did that in Nicaragua. Isn't that the most infamous act of your Administration?
10. Middle East: Isn't your peace plan dead?
11. Israel: Why haven't you taken a more decisive stand with Israel on West Bank settlements?
12. South Africa: We don't see that your fraternization with South Africa has moderated their apartheid policy. Wouldn't you have done better to have taken a hard line with South Africa?

13. Philippines/Human Rights: Your Vice President, thinks that President Marcos is a great democrat. Do you endorse his view? What are you doing about human rights around the world?
14. International Trade: What measures will you take to restore a balance in foreign trade -- and how serious do you consider this problem?
15. Question for Opponent: What question would you most like to ask your opponent?

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IX. CLOSING STATEMENT

A suggested closing statement will be provided by October 17.