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I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY PERSONAL APPRECIATION FOR YOUR SUPPORT
FOR ME DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME FOR OUR COUNTRY.

TO MEET THE LEGAL DEADLINES FOR FILING PETITIONS OF CANDIDACY IN
A NUMBER OF THE EARLY PRIMARIES, IT IS NECESSARY THAT I PROCEED WITH
THE FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF MY CANDIDACY ON DECEMBER 4. MY ANNOUNCE-
MENT WILL OBVIOUSLY HAVE TO TAKE IN ACCOUNT THE FACT THAT VERY
LIKELY THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES WILL STILL BE HELD CAPTIVE IN IRAN.

FOR THAT REASON, I WILL NOT BE MAKING CAMPAIGN TRIPS AROUND THE
COUNTRY.

I AM EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED THAT I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BE WITH MY
FRIENDS AT THE LUNCHEON IN AUSTIN ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8. HOWEVER,
SECRETARY DUNCAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND AMBASSADOR STRAUSS
WILL BE JOINING YOU THAT AFTERNOON.

IT IS MOST IMPORTANT AT THIS TIME THAT ALL OF US JOIN TOGETHER IN
OUR EFFORTS TO SHOW OUR UNITY AND STRENGTH, AND YOU CAN BE ASSURED
THAT MY SOLE PRIORITY IS TO CONTINUE TO DEFEND THE SECURITY, HONOR
AND FREEDOM OF AMERICANS EVERYWHERE.

I AM VERY MUCH AWARE OF THE EFFORTS AND MANY LONG HOURS THAT HAVE
BEEN DEVOTED TO THIS DINNER. HOWEVER, I MUST ASK EACH OF YOU AT



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THIS TIME TO REDOUBLE YOUR EFFORTS TO INSURE THAT THE DINNER IS AN
EVEN GREATER SUCCESS THAN IF I WERE ABLE TO ATTEND. I AM CONFIDENT
THAT IT WILL BE.

AT NO OTHER TIME SINCE I HAVE BEEN PRESIDENT HAVE I NEEDED YOUR
HELP MORE.

I TRULY APPRECIATE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, AND I LOOK
FORWARD TO VISITING WITH YOU AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

JIMMY CARTER
0750 EST

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