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To Fritz Mondale.

As you probably remember, we wound up our 1980 campaign with a debt of about \$400,000, & ever since then we have been trying to settle these multiple accounts without public lawsuits. With the help of Charles Kirbo & others we have been able to reduce our obligations down to a \$50,000 personal liability, for which I have agreed to be responsible. The lawyers have advised that I send this money to the Carter-Mondale Campaign Committee & take a note for it. Rosalynn & I will do this within the next few days.

It hasn't been possible for most of our former contributors to ante up any more because of the \$1000 limit, so we have just about reached a dead end except for what you & I might contribute. I don't have any idea how you came out in 1984, & if you & Geraldine have a similar problem it is obvious that this would



have to be the first priority for both of you. If not, perhaps you would be able to help out with this 1980 debt.

Rosalynn & I have been reluctant to bother you with it, and even now if you are not financially able or not inclined to participate in the settlement, just let me know. We will certainly understand.

Best wishes to you & your family.

Sincerely

p.s. Call me if you have any questions.

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