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Interview suggestion for Barbara Walters:

Mrs. Tonie Nathan, vice presidential nominee of the Libertarian Party.

The attached campaign material for the Libertarians has come to us in the Elections unit. We won't be doing much with it, for the Libertarians are not one of the minor parties we are following, nor are they fully national in being on the ballot in a large number of states. But they are interesting: an extreme laissez-faire group, believing that government should provide no services, build nothing, and should protect citizens only from each other and from foreign threats - not from themselves. Implication is that private enterprise, absolutely untrammled, should do almost everything that governmental units now do.

The Libertarians seem to represent the extreme extremes of political thought, with very little in between: totally liberal permissiveness, with neither the advocacy of massive government performance usually associated with liberalism nor the puritan suppression of self-gratification typical of more orthodox laissez-faire advocates.

Mrs. Nathan is 49. She got her BA in journalism last year, and is a producer (appearing often on camera as well) at a TV station in Eugene, Ore (I believe the station is an NBC affiliate). She is described to me by people who know her as being a woman of drive, charm, intelligence and rationality.

Mrs. Nathan will be in New York October 16th and 17th. If you're interested, call me on ext. 3256, or Andrea Millen on ext. 5297.