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These qualities and the Dole record going back to the very beginning of our conservative movement convince me that, when elected, Robert Dole will govern effectively as a conservative. On that basis alone he deserves consideration.

**Why I'm For Him.** I've known Bob Dole for more than fifteen years. Like most of those who know him I've often been impressed by his wit and his intelligence, but always by his ability to "get things done." And, more than anything else, I've been impressed by his discipline, his capacity for hard work, and his ability to deal honorably and bravely with whatever challenges have confronted him.

And, there is more. But as one looks at the various candidates the questions that won't go away involve the candidate's ability to be nominated, to be elected, and to do the job as President. Our candidate has to win

to make a difference, and to do that he has to appeal successfully to voters in all regions of the country. The poll data available today demonstrate that Bob Dole is the one candidate who can do that effectively. While no conservative should support a candidate just because he is "electable," neither should we forget that if our candidate can't win in November of 1988, his views on the issues won't matter much. And of course, once elected, if he can't manage the job he will fail our country.

So if we're really interested in building on the Reagan agenda, we ought to insist on a candidate who is with us on the important issues, has proved in the arena of leadership and the crucible of responsibility that he can do the job ably, and who stands a good chance of actually being elected. Conservatives should support Bob Dole for President of the United States.



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## Dole camp sees Bush's lead dropping

**By Dan Hoover**  
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COLUMBIA — Sen. Robert Dole's presidential campaign has sent memos to state Republican leaders challenging denials by allies of Vice President George Bush that Bush's support is eroding. The memo predicts upcoming polls would show a Bush decline of up to 10 percentage points.

by Rod Shealy, director of Dole's South Carolina campaign, was obtained by The News. Shealy confirmed the memo and said it was intended to "create an awareness that Dole is a factor to contend with." In the memo, Shealy disputed statements by Wayne Adams, director of Bush's state campaign, that the vice president's apparent lead is hiding firm. "I predict that the next scientific, independently conducted survey of South Carolinians will indicate significant slippage for

the Bush campaign...possibly as much as a 5 to 10 percent (age point) decrease," Shealy wrote. "Although the Bush campaign is publicly denying to the news media that they are suffering from erosion, I frankly believe that the next survey will prove them wrong, and as a result their campaign's credibility will be dealt a severe setback." Recent polls have shown Bush with a wide lead over Dole, his nearest challenger. Adams said that Bush has retained a solid lead among Repub-

licans. "They can't point to any evidence that there has been erosion," he said of the Dole campaign, but "it is normal for polls to begin to close as you approach an election and they know that." "The vice president is going to do very well in this state, not in a walk, because it will be close, but we're going to win," he said. Shealy characterized the language of the memo as a positive outline of the Dole campaign's position rather than an aggressive escalation of rhetoric.

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## Dole cites deficit concern 120 attend Carroll reception

**By JOHN GILLIS**  
Times Herald Staff Writer  
U.S. Sen. Robert Dole took his presidential campaign to Carroll Monday promising that the next president will face "hard choices on federal spending cuts to reduce the budget deficit." In a speech to 120 supporters at the Carrollton Inn, the Kansas Republican said that the next president will have a six-to-eight-month honeymoon period with the American public to work with Congress in cutting federal spending. "If you don't want to make hard choices on government spending, then I'm not your candidate," Dole said. "Nobody has come up to me lately and said, 'Bob, raise my taxes,'" he said. "We need to go over federal programs to see what can be eliminated, and nothing should be exempt except programs that benefit old people." The 27-year congressional veteran said that he believes the American public is ready to elect a "hands-on president, not an outsider, who can work with Congress" in the next national election. Calling himself "Iowa's friend and neighbor," Dole said his Midwestern roots have helped him to understand the problems of rural America. "Agriculture is going to be a priority in the Dole administration," he said. "Farmers want a market-oriented farm program not subsidies." Dole said that the Farm Bill of 1985, which he worked to pass into law, is "not perfect, but it is work-

ing. We've discovered that as a result of the bill other countries are cutting their agricultural production." Dole also praised the American farmer saying that American consumers receive an indirect subsidy in the form of lower food prices because of the productivity of farmers. Dole said his immediate goal in Iowa is to have 2,500 pro-Dole precinct caucus chairmen by the end of the month. He said he will make a formal announcement of his presidential candidacy within 30 days from his hometown of Russell, Kan. During a question and answer period following his speech, Dole said that Judge Robert Bork is the "best qualified nominee to the Supreme Court in my memory." Criticizing Senate colleagues fighting Bork's nomination to the high court, Dole said, "I don't think the American people want to let Ted Kennedy, Joe Biden and Howard Metzenbaum choose the next Supreme Court justice." Dole also said that American policy in the Persian Gulf is to get Iran to agree to a cease-fire in its war with Iraq. He warned, however, that "if the Ayatollah points any Sillkworm missiles at U.S. Navy ships in the gulf, the U.S. will respond with force." Dole also said that representatives of the United States, the Sandinistas and anti-Sandinista contras should join in negotiations to work out a cease-fire agreement in Nicaragua.



Sen. Robert Dole of Kansas, Republican candidate for president, spoke to about 120 people at the Carrollton Centre Monday afternoon.