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## Doles release files on blind trust

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WASHINGTON—Elizabeth Hanford Dole's trust gained \$63,000 in 1986 in a business transaction with a former aide to her husband, Sen. Bob Dole, after the senator helped the aide obtain a no-bid Army contract worth more than \$25 million, according to documents released Saturday by the senator's presidential campaign.

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City suburb which now houses the headquarters in Kansas for the Bob Dole for President campaign.

The trust was set up to be "blind" to protect Mrs. Dole, then secretary of transportation, from knowing what her investments were so she could avoid conflicts of interest or the appearance of conflicts of interest.

Palmer had received the first of three Army contracts to provide food services at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

Mrs. Dole's trust and the aide's company share the ownership of a \$1.6 million building in a Kansas

But the trust bought the Kansas building on the advice of David Owen, a longtime friend of Dole's

The trust then sold a half interest in the building to EDP Enterprises Inc., a firm headed by John Palmer, a former Kansas field representative for Sen. Dole. A few months earlier,

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were made, since I had no knowledge of the contents of the trust. Those actions were taken by the investment adviser to the trust [Owen]," she said.



David Owen

In a separate statement released Saturday along with his tax returns and details of his wife's trust, Sen. Dole acknowledged that for "more than a year" his office tried to assist Palmer, who is black, obtain a contract under a Small Business Administration program designed for "socially and financially disadvantaged" business people.

In addition, a congressional subcommittee and the Small Business Administration have announced inquiries to examine whether the more than \$25 million in federal contracts issued to Palmer met the standards of the program.

nounced he had no income from tax shelters.

The following year, on Feb. 21, 1984 according to trust records, Mrs. Dole loaned \$250,000 to a company called GolfFun Productions Inc., which Owen and his wife had set up to make movies. The loan was repaid only several days ago.

Trust records show that an insurance company, American Investors Life Insurance Co. of Topeka, Kan., where Owen serves as a member of the board of directors, holds the mortgage on a \$153,500 rental apartment the Doles own on Capitol Hill in Washington.

## Campaign '88

### Dole finally takes off his political gloves Sharp barbs sting Bush in debate

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HANOVER, N.H.—The real Bob Dole finally showed up Saturday at a Republican presidential debate here.

After giving cautious performances in several previous debates, this time the Senate minority leader used his acerbic wit to cut at his rivals, to the delight of the audience at Dartmouth College.

Asked about the 1982 Social Security bailout, Dole said, "I thought I fixed Social Security, but George Bush says he fixed it in his circuits. I don't recall his being in the loop then either. He didn't attend a single meeting."

Bush was unusually subdued during most of the two-hour session after coming under attack early in the debate for the recently signed arms treaty with the Soviet Union and his role in the Iran-contra scandal.

The vice president finally shut off discussion of the Iran affair by angrily telling moderator John Chancellor:

"You and the media have a fascination with Iran that I don't think the American people are interested in that much. Nobody here is doing anything but tear down the President, tear down the party and further adding to the Democratic fuel by continuing to debate this. The questions have been answered."

Bush's remark prompted audible booing in the audience.

After the debate, Dole aides said the senator believed he had been too laid-back in previous GOP encounters.

"It has been his feeling and our feeling he should get in there more. It's getting close to decision time in the early states," one aide said.

Bill Brock, Dole's campaign chairman, said he told the candidate, "Be yourself."

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ance is that it could allow his opponents to remind voters of his image as a political hatchet man when he ran for vice president in 1976.

"It was closer to the 1976 Walter Mondale debate performance," said Bush campaign manager Lee Atwater, recalling the Dole-Mondale debate in which Dole blamed Democrats for all 20th Century wars.

But Dole's campaign theme is leadership and he apparently decided to risk coming across as too combative in order to show contrast with Bush's more restrained style.

This last GOP debate before the Feb. 8 Iowa caucuses often took on a chaotic atmosphere as Chancellor, an NBC-TV commentator, allowed the six candidates to engage in free-form argument.

The best line of the day came from long-shot candidate Al Haig during a discussion of former Delaware Gov. Pete du Pont's plan to take away drivers' licenses from students caught with drugs.

"I'm worried about the druggie stealing my car," Haig said, as the audience roared. "He doesn't care about a license."

The debate started with several candidates ganging up on Bush. Former television evangelist Pat Robertson charged Bush had misstated the content of the intermediate arms treaty with the Soviets by saying nuclear warheads would be destroyed when in fact only missile launchers would be eliminated.

"When the vice president doesn't know the difference between a missile and a nuclear warhead, we're in trouble," Robertson said.

A short time later, a student questioner reminded Bush of his description of supply-side economics during the 1980 campaign as "voodoo economics."

"That's the only memorable thing I've ever said—voodoo economics," Bush lamented.

After these exchanges, the vice president seemed to almost disappear from the debate, avoiding direct confrontation.



Sen. Bob Dole (right) answers a question while Haig listen during a heated Republican presidential debate Saturday in Hanover, N.H.

He began by announcing that, as demanded by Bush, he was releasing his tax returns from the last 21 years.

"I've done that today, George, not just for 10 years, but for 21 so I challenge you and I raise you," Dole said.

Dole came under attack from Rep. Jack Kemp of New York and du Pont for supporting an oil im-

posedals.

Hart was asked by James Gannon, editor of the Des Moines Register, the paper sponsoring the debate, how a candidate who admits he is an adulterer can gain the trust and confidence of voters.

"We have never expected perfection from our leaders... and I don't think we should start now," Hart said. He emphasized that he was a religious person with a graduate divinity degree and a belief that he is more a "sinner" than an adulterer.

"In the past people who have not led perfect private lives have been among our best leaders," he said.

The debate, at which Illinois Governor James Thompson also posed questions for the candidates, had few fights and more than a few good lines.

Sen. Albert Gore of Tennessee bore the brunt of several jokes for coming back to debate in a state where he has virtually abandoned his campaign.

"Al, it's good to see you back," former Arizona Gov. Bruce Babbitt said to Gore. "You know, I thought they might start putting your picture on milk cartons."

That joke might fall flat in Iowa where milk cartons were used as part of a nationwide attempt to find missing Register newspaper boy Johnny Gosch of West Des Moines.

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port fee and the 1982 tax bill. Both are sensitive issues in New Hampshire, where low taxes are a tradition and where much of the fuel used is imported.

"Bob voted for a \$98 million tax increase in '82, a \$50 billion one in '84—you voted for it Bob—and now you're for an oil import fee to solve the problems of the oil industry by raising taxes again," du Pont said.

"You know, Pete's a great conservative now. You should have known him when he was in the

### Iowa poll gives Dole wider lead over Bush

By Jon Margolis  
Chicago Tribune

DES MOINES—Any doubts that Vice President George Bush is in trouble in Iowa vanished Sunday with the publication of a new poll showing Bush trailing Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas by 41 percent to 26 percent.

The Iowa Poll taken by the Des Moines Register was the first survey done after the only televised debate among the six Republican candidates, which was held Jan. 8.

Most postdebate analysis, including the results of a focus group of randomly selected voters, indicated that Bush had helped himself during the debate, especially when he criticized the Register for questioning his role in the arms sales to Iran.

But the new poll indicated that even if Republican voters liked Bush's performance, few of them switched to his side.

On the contrary, the poll showed that Dole's lead was growing. In the last Iowa Poll, published Dec. 27, Bush led Dole by a narrow 37 percent to 33 percent.

Making matters worse for Bush, the poll showed that by 43 percent to 36 percent Republicans think it would be proper for Bush to tell the public what he told President Reagan about the Iranian arms sales, something Bush has steadfastly refused to do.

The poll found that 44 percent of the Republicans who said they were likely to attend the Feb. 8 precinct caucuses had seen the debate.

Among the 409 Republicans sampled, former television evangelist Pat Robertson was third with 11 percent. Rep. Jack Kemp of New York had 8 percent, former Delaware Gov. Pete du Pont had 4 percent and former Secretary of State Alexander Haig was last with 1 percent. The poll had a margin of error of plus or minus 4.8 percentage points.

At best, a poll is a snapshot of

the electorate on the days it was taken, in this case Jan. 9 through 14. But with all the attention being paid to the Iowa caucuses, poll results themselves have an impact on voters.

Though results of private polls have not been released, indications are that the Bush campaign poll results also show him trailing in Iowa.

Increasingly, Bush campaign aides have talked about "rebounding" from Iowa in the New Hampshire primary eight days later, and about Bush's "safety net" in the South, where his superior organization and his advantage in campaign funds would help him.

But some polls in New Hampshire indicate that Dole's biggest problem there is that "he is not perceived as a winner," in the words of pollster Dick Bennett.

A victory here in Iowa, then, might put Dole in position to overcome Bush's lead in New Hampshire, and two straight wins would have a powerful impact in the South.

The latest Iowa Poll also seemed to offer little opportunity for Bush to overtake Dole in Iowa. Only a handful of Iowa Republicans dislike Dole, so a television advertising campaign criticizing him might be counterproductive.

Furthermore, the poll showed that only 9 percent of the Republicans remain undecided, and that more than half of the respondents are not likely to change their minds before the caucuses.

What the poll did not measure was the possible impact on Dole of recent questions raised about his business dealings and some of his political associates, and of his personal financial disclosure showing that he and his wife made \$508,000 last year. Disclosure that Dole is a wealthy man could undercut that theme, though Dole's aides insist that Iowans will not resent Dole's financial success.