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WASHINGTON, D.C. Nov. 24---U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today said the latest Gallup Poll "is a good indicator that President Nixon's Nov. 3 Vietnam speech has the support of most Americans."

In a Senate statement, the Kansas Senator referred to the Gallup poll which shows the President's popularity has increased by 12% in the last month, reaching its highest peak of 68%.

Dole said, "This does not mean that everything the President does or proposes has wide support. It does mean there is little question at this time that the President's Vietnam policy is the major reason for this surge in his popularity."

Calling the poll "gratifying to supporters of the President and surely disheartening to those who seek peace at any price," Dole added, "'Bring us together' was the cry last fall. Apparently the President is bringing us together, not by knuckling under to the demands of some, not by ignoring the attacks of some who would try to split and polarize our nation into peace lovers and war mongers, but by showing the way and leading the way.

"The President and those of us who support the President want peace desperately," Dole said. "But we want a peace in Vietnam that will maintain peace in all of Southeast Asia, a peace that will tell those who turn to us for support and aid that the U.S. can still be depended upon.

"The Gallup Poll makes it clear that most Americans want that kind of peace also," he said.

"The speech unified the American people and in so doing, has brought us a step closer to earnest negotiations and meaningful peace