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DOLE REACTION TO REAGAN'S CHOICE OF RUNNING MATE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Following is a statement made by Senator Bob Dole after Gov. Reagan's announcement that he would nominate Senator Schweiker as his running mate if he is nominated at the Republican National Convention:

"RONALD REAGAN'S PREMATURE SELECTION OF SENATOR RICHARD SCHWEIKER AS HIS RUNNING MATE IS A BOLD, BUT, IN MY OPINION, AN UNWISE MOVE.

"IN DOING SO, HE HAS ADDED A LIBERAL TO HIS TICKET AND IN LARGE PART WIPED OUT THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN HIS SLATE AND THE CARTER-MONDALE TICKET.

A CAMPAIGN ON THE ISSUES -- THE TYPE OF CAMPAIGN RONALD REAGAN HAS SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO RUN -- IS NOW AN IMPOSSIBILITY."