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DOLE REMAINS NEUTRAL IN KANSAS PRIMARY FOR SENATE SEAT

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole today told announced candidates for the Republican primary for the United States Senate nomination in Kansas, and other individuals who have expressed interest in running, that he does not have "a preference" in the race.

Following is the text of the letter Dole sent to Sam Hardage, Deryl K. Schuster, Normal E. Gaar, Shelby Smith, Wayne Angell, Jan Meyers, Dr. Ralph Reed, Robert Gadberry, Richard W. Fatherly, and Nancy Kassebaum:

I cannot predict what may appear in the press from time to time concerning the Republican race for the United States Senate nomination in Kansas.

In any event, because of the story which appeared last week in the Wichita paper indicating that I had a preference, let me reassure you that I do not. If I should make my preference known, you can be assured it will be in a public statement -- not through some reported "source."

My primary objective, of course, is to make certain a Republican is elected in November; and as I indicated recently in Topeka, we want to be helpful to each of the candidates in every appropriate way.