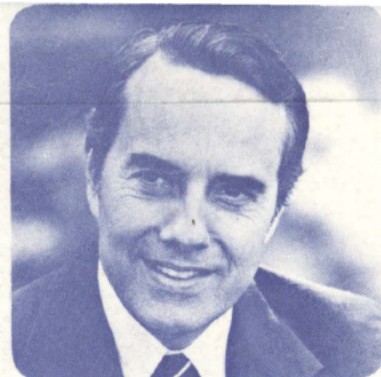


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## MUSKIE NOMINATION AS SEC. OF STATE 'A SHREWD MOVE BY CARTER'

WASHINGTON-- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) today said that the nomination of Senator Edmund Muskie as Secretary of State "is a shrewd political move by Jimmy Carter. By selecting a member of the Senate, he has avoided a difficult confirmation hearing. By selecting someone from without the State Department, they will avoid a full airing of the events surrounding the aborted rescue attempt in Iran. By selecting a senior Senator from the New England region, and a man with strong ethnic ties, President Carter will perhaps gain ground with groups that he has previously been losing," said Dole.

"I have no quarrel with Ed Muskie. He has generally been a good Senator and I wish him well as Secretary of State, assuming he is confirmed. He enters the job at a perilous time in American history and he enters the job under somewhat unique circumstances, following Sec. Vance's resignation," said Dole.

"Hopefully the nomination will look as good, diplomatically, in a few months time, as it does politically today," added Dole.