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## REPUBLICANS IN POSITION TO SWEEP THE FARM STATES IN NOVEMBER, SAYS SENATOR DOLE

DETROIT -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) said today that the Republican Party "is in a strong position to sweep the farm states in the fall elections."

Dole, chairman of the agriculture subcommittee of the Platform Committee and a senior member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, said that a recent poll taken by Robert Teeter shows Republican candidates preferred over Democratic candidates for Congress by a 53 percent to 47 percent margin.

"The Teeter Poll shows the Midwest to be one of the Republican Party's strongest regions," said Dole. "And I have no doubt that Governor Reagan has a very large margin against President Carter. I think we could see a real landslide in the farm states -- margins we haven't seen since 1972 or during the Eisenhower years."

### Carter A Disaster For The Farmer

"It is interesting that a man who began his presidential quest in Iowa in 1976 by introducing himself as a farmer from Georgia has become one of the least popular presidents in American history among farming groups. His ill-conceived grain embargo was really the icing on the cake for the farmer, providing proof positive that this Administration does not have the family farmer's interest at heart.

"It is remarkable that in 1976, when I was on the ticket with President Ford, some polls showed us to be 30 points down in these same areas, yet now President Carter is perhaps in even worse shape. And, quite frankly, I don't see any sign that he will be able to make up the ground that Jerry Ford and I made up in 1976.

"The agricultural subcommittee yesterday finished its plank in record time. We were united and produced a strong document -- a plank that I believe will even further enhance our prospects."