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DOLE MEETS WITH BUSH, TWO DISCUSS UPCOMING PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN, ISSUES

WASHINGTON-- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) and GOP Vice Presidential nominee George Bush met today in Senator Dole's office to discuss the upcoming presidential campaign and to discuss issues.

Dole, the Republican Party's 1976 Vice Presidential candidate, nominated Ambassador Bush to be Ronald Reagan's running mate this year at the GOP National Convention in Detroit.

"We had a very good visit," Dole said afterwards. "We discussed the role of a Vice Presidential candidate. I pointed out that circumstances are quite different this year than they were in 1976, when Jerry Ford and I left Kansas City 30 points down in the polls with about 9 weeks remaining before the election. I told him that things are just about the opposite now-- the Republican ticket has an extra three or four weeks to get organized and a 30 point bulge in the polls. But I also cautioned against being too over-confident. President Carter is tough, I told George, and he's going to come out swinging," said Dole. "I added that I expected there would be no need for a Rose Garden-Briar Patch strategy this time around," said Dole, alluding to his assignment of carrying the fight to the Democrats in 1976 while President Ford pursued a "Rose Garden Strategy."

"We also went over issues before the Senate Finance Committee and the Agriculture Committee," said Senator Dole. "It is heartening to see that our running mate is taking an active interest in the Congress-- something his Democratic opponents have neglected to do for almost four years," said Dole.