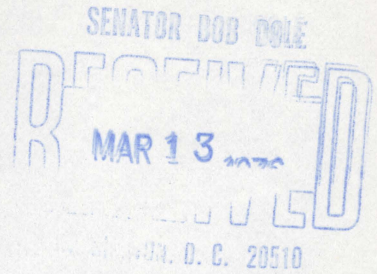


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Dear Bob:

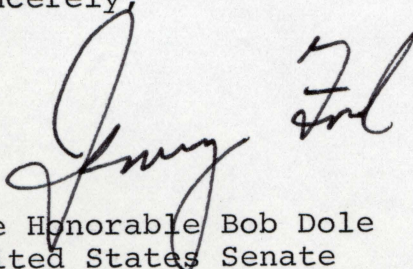
I was pleased to receive copies of your March 5 and 6 news releases. Needless to say, I was gratified to note your analysis of my candidacy. Of equal, and perhaps greater, significance was your commendation of the agricultural proposals I made in Springfield at the farm forum.

We have established a good climate and have made some very solid gains in agriculture. I am confident that the new Cabinet level Agricultural Policy Committee, with Secretary Butz as the Chairman, will be the key to the development and direction of food policies which will ensure the economic security of rural America. Your role as an articulate spokesman on behalf of these policies, and as Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Agriculture, is of major importance in implementing our programs.

I am pleased with your assessment of my campaign. I feel we are building pre-Convention strength which will take us into the Convention with unified support of my candidacy and on to a solid victory in November.

Again, you have my deep appreciation for your support.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Bob Dole
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510