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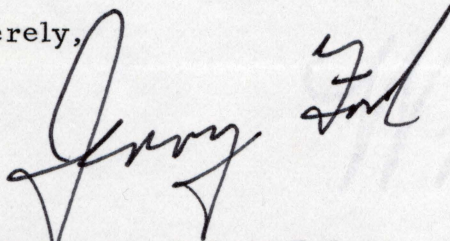
Dear Bob:

This is to thank you for your thoughtful letter of December 3, and also to express again my heartfelt appreciation to you and Elizabeth for your superb efforts during the campaign. There was indeed disappointment in the election outcome, but I believe we should both be immensely proud that we came so close against such forbidding odds.

In the time ahead, the Republican Party must offer the American people an articulate voice and a clear alternative to Democratic government. We must work together with commitment and common sense to rebuild our Party and regain majority status. In this, I look to you and other recognized Republican leaders for assistance and cooperation.

Betty joins me in sending warmest personal regards to Elizabeth and you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Dole". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

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