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Hon. Bob Dole Senate Office Building Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Bob:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I wrote to the President Friday.

Best. 4m Len

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Honorable Richard M. Nixon President The White House Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am grateful for your warm and cordial letter of February 15th covering my Salina talk. You honored me in asking me to let you have my candid opinions - which I am happy to do.

I am deeply concerned at the unjustified growing skepticism at the grass roots level of your administration in connection with the present investigation of the Watergate scandal, that is casting a cloud on your monumental achievements.

The public forgets your prompt instructions to the Justice Department for a complete and thorough investigation and vigorous prosecution of those involved. The end result of that is really uncovering the information for the Senate Committee to work on.

I am well aware of the ethical considerations - and actual restrictions - of even a president in making statements on the subject matter involved in Grand Jury and judicial proceedings. You couldn't say anything because you would be influencing judicial decisions if you did.

It is not a question, Mr. President, of whether or not this public feeling is justified. It exists, and you are the only one who can deal with it.

I don't believe there has been a president in years who has had the many critical political and economic problems to contend with which seem to have piled up on you.

Mrs. Landon joins me in warmest affection for you and Mrs. Nixon.

With admiration and respect -

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April 5, 1974

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The Honorable Alf M. Landon Post Office Box 1280 Topeka, Kansas 66601

Dear Alf:

Thanks for your letter of April 2.

The interview was lengthy, and I am not certain which portions were used as I did not see it; but I said very clearly that President Nixon was certainly welcome to visit Kansas.

As you might guess, I discussed my re-election with the President personally; and, of course, he wants me to be re-elected and though at the present time he might not be able to be of much help coming to Kansas, he might be helpful in other ways -- which he intends to do.

Best regards always.

Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE United States Senate

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