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The Honorable Bob Dole
United States Senator
810 First Street, NE
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Dear Bob:

We have been overwhelmed with mail in which we received many expressions of congratulations following our basketball season. I was particularly pleased to hear from you and appreciate your taking the time to write.

Bob, over these many years you really have become a hero with your work as Senator and as Presidential nominee. As a fellow Jayhawk, I cannot help mentioning that Alf Landon recruited me for Phi Gamma Delta at Kansas and Nancy was a classmate at Topeka High and at KU. As you are aware, she speaks very highly of you. Also, Steve Brier, who died a few years ago and was a good friend of mine, worked hard for you to be President. I know he and Amelia were friends of Elizabeth as well as a friend of yours.

It was special to hear from you, and I wanted you to know how much I appreciated it, despite the long delay in responding.

Warmest personal regards.

Cordially,

Handwritten signature: Dean

Dean E. Smith

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Since I sent Roy Williams to KU, my college friends treat me much better!

Handwritten initials: DS