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Dole on Rumsfeld

WASHINGTON—I read with interest the column "About Washington" in your April 10 issue, and wish to take this opportunity to set the record straight with reference to the Honorable Donald Rumsfeld.

At the outset, let me indicate that Don Rumsfeld is highly regarded not only by those of us who are potential 1988 presidential candidates, but by many, many others in the Republican Party as well. His presence and his active involvement would be a positive addition to any campaign.

Don Rumsfeld's record of accomplishments speaks for itself: He was an energetic and effective member of the U.S. House of Representatives in the 88th through 91st Congresses; he has been an assistant to the president, counselor to the president, U.S. ambassador to NATO and chief of staff to the president; he served as secretary of defense from 1975 to 1977; he distinguished himself by performing exceptionally well as president and chief executive officer of G.D. Searle and Co.; he continues to serve as senior adviser to William Blair and Co. in Chicago; and he is a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom. This combination has helped develop an individual who understands politics and the Congress, the Executive Branch of government and the business community as well—qualifications we all admire and respect.

I would be proud to have Don Rumsfeld as a member of my team, and would like very much for him to assume a major role in my campaign, not only in the important State of Illinois but nationally as well. That is why I called him—he did not seek me out—to ask for his advice and assistance.

U.S. Sen. Bob Dole
Republican, Kansas

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Dole leads field in campaign cash

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WASHINGTON — The two presidential hopefuls reporting the most cash in the bank at this early stage of the 1988 campaign have yet to officially declare their candidacies: Sens. Bob Dole, R-Kan., and Joseph R. Biden Jr., D-Del.

Through March 31, Dole had a \$2.5 million stash and Biden reported \$2.1 million, according to latest filings at the Federal Election Commission.

At the same time, records show, no one has debts anywhere near those of the Democratic front-runner in opinion polls, former Sen. Gary Hart of Colorado. He has \$1.3 million remaining on the \$4.7 million debt from his 1984 presidential campaign.

The all-important money picture for 1988 is incomplete because about

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half of the aspirants have not begun filing financial reports on their principal campaign committees.

Records show that Dole's presidential committee had a \$208,000 cash balance as of March 31. Moreover, an aide said Dole plans to fully tap \$2.1 million left over from his 1986 Senate re-election campaign. Also, Dole's subsidiary political action committee, Campaign America, has \$202,000 available to boost his White House quest, primarily by making donations to lower-level Republican candidates across the country.

Ostensibly, such PACs are prohibited from engaging in presidential campaign activities, but Dole and others have clearly used them to advance their White House ambitions.

Dole's \$2.5 million cash total far exceeds that for Vice President George Bush, whose presidential committee has \$726,000 on hand and his PAC, the Fund for America's Future, \$170,000. Bush's committees also reported debts of \$351,000 through March 31, compared with only \$42,000 for Dole.

Despite his current cash disadvantage, Bush has demonstrated enor-

mous fund-raising power, raising and spending millions more than any other 1988 hopeful since the 1984 presidential election. Bush's PAC has raised \$9.3 million since 1984, and his George Bush for President committee has collected \$2.3 million.

In contrast, Dole's PAC, Senate and presidential committees have raised \$7.8 million since 1984, and PACs controlled by Rep. Jack Kemp, R-N.Y., together with his House campaign committee, have raised \$6.1 million.

Kemp, who recently announced he was seeking the GOP nomination, will not be required to file a report on his presidential committee until July. His PAC, Campaign for Prosperity, had \$55,000 in the bank on March 31 but owed \$33,000. His House committee's \$52,000 cash balance was offset by \$87,000 in debts at last report, Dec. 31.

Former Delaware Gov. Pierre S. "Pete" du Pont IV, the first Republican to declare his candidacy, had \$407,000 in cash and \$59,000 in debts through March 31 after raising just over \$1 million.

Former Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr., an announced GOP candidate, has not filed a report on his presidential committee. Two other Republican hopefuls, TV evangelist Marion G. "Pat" Robertson and former Sen. Paul Laxalt of Nevada, have not formed committees.

Biden, whose official announcement is expected in June, leads all Democratic contenders with \$1.7 million in cash in his presidential committee, offset by \$135,000 in debts, and a \$421,000 surplus available to him from his Senate campaign committee.

Rep. Richard A. Gephardt, D-Mo., an announced candidate, has \$525,000 on hand in his presidential committee, \$15,000 in his PAC and \$200 in his House campaign committee. Debts from the committees total \$176,000.

Former Arizona Gov. Bruce Babbitt, another official Democratic candidate, has \$269,000 cash and \$39,000 in debts.

Announced Democratic candidates Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., Sen. Albert Gore Jr., D-Tenn., and Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis have yet to file reports on their presidential committees. Other potential candidates are Jesse Jackson and Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton.

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Adversities Fuel Dole's Fiery Drive

Twenty-seven years after he first won election to Congress, native Kansan Bob Dole today is bidding to lead a much larger constituency, as he embarks on a serious run for the 1988 GOP nomination for president. This story details the personal side of the Republican leader from Russell.

By Angella Herrin
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WASHINGTON — "If you take a shellacking, if someone kicks you around, you want to get on your feet and say, 'By God I'll show 'em,'" Sen. Bob Dole was saying.

"When you fall, you just want to try it over again." Dole was talking about the dark days of the 1980 presidential primaries when, faced with the humiliation of a last-place finish and a lawsuit over campaign debt, he wondered if he had made a mistake pursuing the GOP nomination so soon after his 1976 debacle as Gerald Ford's vice presidential running mate.

But Bob Dole also was talking about what makes him run year after year.

Today, the senior senator from Kansas is one of the most powerful men in Washington, both as the leader of the Senate Republicans and as a leading contender for the 1988 presidential nomination.

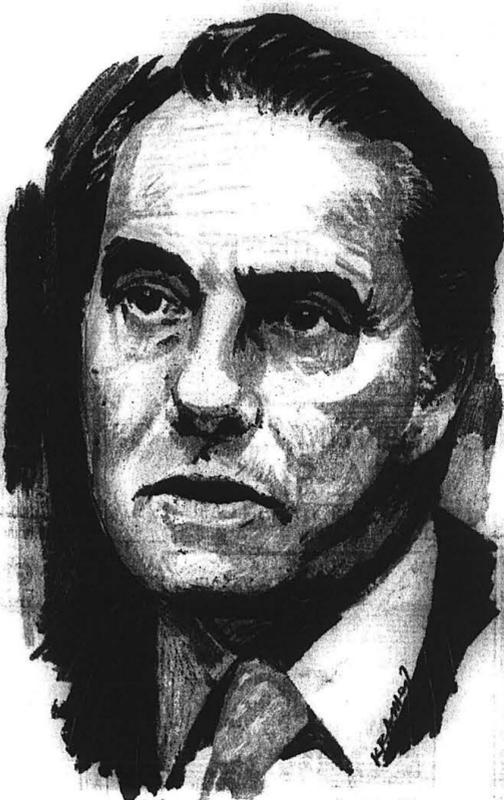
But to get there, Bob Dole has been knocked down and has struggled back up again and again — most vividly when he spent more than three years recovering from a war wound that left him partially paralyzed and near death.

And in the process, Dole turned into a tough competitor who can sometimes bewilder even his admirers with his brusque determination to ask for no quarter — or give any.

"When he was in the hospital, he had to be self-reliant to survive," said Bill Wohlford, a Wichita lawyer who was once Dole's administrative assistant. "Now he won't let himself owe anything to anybody. That kind of independence helped him to succeed. But when people get too close, it's like a reflex to push them away."

There was little help anyone could offer April 14, 1945, when a German sniper ended Bob Dole's promising athletic career. A college star who almost broke

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