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TOPEKA, KANS, APRIL 12 -- U. S. Senator Bob Dole, (R-Kans.) commenting on the President's first 80 days in office, said Nixon has "restored a sense of purpose and confidence in our national leadership."

In remarks delivered today in the State's Capital, Dole said, "President Nixon's actions in the first 80 days have reflected calm and sober judgment, quiet dignity and refreshing candor. In this brief period since his inauguration he has re-established the Office of the Presidency as a strong moral force in America...History will record this as a most meaningful accomplishment..."

The Senator continued his remarks by reflecting on Mr. Nixon's "personal courage and confidence to carry through projects he feels are in the nation's best interests." Dole cited the example of the President's recent affirmative, but controversial decision to deploy the modified ABM system.

He said, "A politically expedient decision would have been to cancel the ABM, but President Nixon did not make a politically expedient decision...He did what he knew was right and what the national security required.. No one can doubt the enormous personal courage his decision reflects."

Dole continued, "The new administration has shown its courage, too, by taking stern measures to restore the nation's economic stability. The new team in Washington has made deep and significant cuts in President Johnson's budget."

In conclusion, Dole said, "I look to the future with hope and with a renewed confidence because a President and an administration which has shown such courage and determination cannot help but succeed."

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