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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA APRIL 19 -- U. S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) told Republicans gathered here today for the Oklahoma County Republican Convention that President Nixon "has begun to re-establish public confidence in government by openly and honestly sharing the problems with the people".

Dole said Mr. Nixon's characteristics of self-confidence, courage and determination were pre-eminent when Mr. Nixon faced the Nation with his recent decision to deploy the controversial ABM System. "A politically expedient decision would have been to cancel the ABM," he said, "but President Nixon did not make a politically expedient decision. He did what he knew was right and what the national security required."

The Senator remarked also on Mr. Nixon's recent federal budget cuts. He said, "A President who really means business about curbing inflation risks political harm to himself, particularly by reducing federal spending. President Nixon knows this, but once again he is determined to pursue the right course and do the right thing for his country."

On foreign policy, Dole commented, "President Nixon feels that America should not react, but should follow a planned, organized foreign policy. The needs of the national security are too great to be handled by a kitchen cabinet or emergency bull sessions."

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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