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WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept. 17 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today said Bob Wells, Garden City, is the first Kansan to be nominated for the Federal Communications Commission.

Wells, 50, is general manager of the Harris Radio Group with stations in Garden City and Topeka, Kans., Iowa, Illinois and Colorado. Tuesday President Nixon announced he would nominate Wells to succeed James J. Wadsworth who resigned.

"No person from Kansas has ever been on the FCC," Dole said, "although Sam Pickard then of Manhattan served as a member of the Federal Radio Commission, the forerunner of the FCC, from 1927 to 1929."

"It is a signal honor for Kansas, Bob Wells and the broadcasting industry in our state that the President has turned to us to find a top man in communications to serve as one of the seven FCC commissioners."

Noting that Wells' nomination must be confirmed by the Senate, the Senator said, "Wells brings to the FCC a wealth of experience and respect from his industry and a deep-rooted dedication to the public interest--two qualities which make his confirmation appear certain."