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WASHINGTON, D.C. Sept. 18 -- President Nixon praised the Kansas State University student body in a telephone call to U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) this morning. Dole said that there were some skeptics who had serious reservations about a Presidential visit to a college campus, that the President was not among them.

"I believed a visit to a major college campus early in the school year was vitally important to demonstrate to college students, parents and administrators that the President was ready and willing to communicate," Dole said.

"In a discussion with the President a few weeks ago, he agreed. Kansas State was selected because of the Landon Lecture Series and the President's desire to honor Alf M. Landon, former Kansas Governor and 1936 Presidential nominee, who celebrated his 83rd birthday this month."

"The President was obviously elated by the tremendous student response, for students demonstrated they will listen to a voice of reason and responsibility. This Presidential effort, in my opinion, will pave the way for better understanding and communication between the Government and students all across America."