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FT. WAYNE, INDIANA, OCT. 26 -- "Support for President Nixon is the crucial issue of this year's campaign. The President needs and deserves the support of the Legislative Branch, and the way he is going to get that support is with a Republican Congress," said U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) at a Republican Dinner here today.

"In the Senate, support for President Nixon means gaining a Republican majority. We now hold 43 seats, and with only seven additional seats, we will take control."

The Kansas Senator remarked, "Before Spiro Agnew began making speeches, the only statement anyone could ever remember that a vice President had made was Hoosier Thomas Marshall's comment that 'What this country needs is a good five-cent cigar.' and after the legacy of two Democrat Administrations and Democrat Congresses, there are many who would say that what this country needs is a good five cent nickel."

Dole said, "I happen to believe that President Nixon enjoys generally strong support in the Great State of Indiana, because the people here have confidence in his programs and in the President himself. I also believe the people of this Great State expect Democrat office holders in Indiana, as well as in other states across the Nation, to lay aside partisan politics from time to time to support the President -- whoever he may be -- when it is in the National interest. Unfortunately, this has not been the policy of your senior Senator, who I believe too often and too quickly -- for partisan purposes -- lowers the boom on the President, the Vice President, and the Republican Administration generally. The senior Senator has a different philosophy from that of the President. I do not criticize this, but I do question the path that he and other liberal Democrats have chosen to follow."

"We must elect men who put America first; men whose first responsibility is not to themselves, nor to their party, but to this Nation and its people."

"And you know Dick Roudebush and Ross Adair are the men in Indiana who fit that description. You send them back to Washington."