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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Frank Mankiewicz, National Political Coordinator for the McGovern for President Committee, yesterday told Senator Bob Dole that he owed him an apology for statements he made during the 1972 campaign. Mankiewicz made the apology at a joint appearance with Senator Dole yesterday at the studios of WTTG, a local Washington station. Mankiewicz had made statements during the campaign last year that Senator Dole as Chairman of the Republican National Committee must have known about the Watergate. Developments since that time, including the testimony yesterday of James McCord that he had never had any contact with Senator Dole, convinced Mankiewicz that he was wrong.