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VOTERS CREDIBILITY QUOTIENT CONTROLLING IN 74 ELECTIONS, SAYS DOLE

Iola, Kansas --- Just as voters aren't going to believe politicians who offer the "guarantee that all the problems of the nation and the world would go away the day after everybody else starts to agree with them," says Senator Bob Dole, "neither are they going to believe a politician who consistently harps on the make-believe faults and made-up mistakes he attributes to his opponent... if the drum beat of half-truths and innuendo is kept up for long" without substantiation.

Dole made the comments in remarks prepared for delivery at a meeting of the 5th District Kansas Federation of Republican Women.

Predicting a negative campaign from some Democrats, Dole told the group, "we might as well be prepared for it...When you've got nothing positive to point to, you run a negative campaign. You grasp at straws. You bend the truth, stretch the truth, ignore the truth."

Dole suggested a two-fold Republican response to the anticipated Democrat strategy. "Let them spew out their gossip and allegations...there is a credibility quotient among the American people" who won't accept the unfounded extremes of political rhetoric. "And we can run on the issues," Dole added, "Calmly, methodically, we can point" to Republican accomplishments "with pride."