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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE CALLS FOR 1978 G.O.P. MINI-CONVENTION IN KANSAS CITY

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole today suggested the Republican National Committee convene a mid-term convention next year in Kansas City. Dole, who was nominated as President Ford's running mate one year ago Friday, said the convention would "focus positive attention on Party achievements, responsibilities and goals..."

In a letter to William E. Brock III, Republican National Chairman, Dole suggested the mid-term convention be held early in the year, "so as not to interfere with plans and programs for 1978 elections at the local, state and national level."

Following is the text of Dole's letter to Brock:

As you know, one year ago our Party was holding its 31st quadrennial nominating convention in Kansas City, Missouri. I believe nearly everyone would agree that it was an outstanding convention and those responsible did an excellent job accommodating the delegates and others directly involved, as well as the thousands and thousands of visitors.

One way to focus positive attention on Party achievements, responsibilities and goals would be to convene a mid-term convention. I would suggest it be early next year, perhaps in March or April, so as not to interfere with plans and programs for 1978 elections at the local, state and national level.

Our good friend Larry Winn suggested this last December 6 to the Executive Committee of the Republican National Committee. It was a good idea then and an even better one now, and I know that you will give it serious consideration. It also seems to me that Kansas City, Missouri, would be an excellent site for such a "mini convention," based upon the outstanding performance in 1976.

I would be pleased to discuss this in more detail at your convenience.

Under your leadership and that of Mary Crisp, our Party is making great progress. I commend you both for your tireless efforts.