INTRODUCTION OF GOVERNOR BOND

KANSAS DAY FESTIVITIES

Wednesday, January 29, 1975 Municipal Auditorium

TOPEKA, KANSAS

IT IS A TRUE PLEASURE TO PRESENT TO YOU A PERSONAL FRIEND, A GOOD MISSOURI NEIGHBOR, AND AN OUTSTANDING REPUBLICAN LEADER, BOTH FOR HIS STATE AND NATIONALLY.

TWO YEARS AGO LAST NOVEMBER, AT THE AGE OF 33,
HE WAS ELECTED AS THE NATION'S YOUNGEST GOVERNOR. NOW,
IN THE MIDDLE OF HIS FIRST TERM, HE HAS BEEN SELECTED BY
HIS REPUBLICAN COLLEAGUES TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN
GOVERNORS' ASSOCIATION.

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AND I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT HE WILL BE AS EFFECTIVE IN THIS NEW POSITION AS HE HAS BEEN INNOVATIVE IN HIS POSITION AS GOVERNOR.

HE IS PROVING IN MISSOURI WHAT BOB BENNETT WILL PROVE HERE IN KANSAS THAT REPUBLICANS GOVERN BEST.

I TAKE PLEASURE AS HIS FRIEND, AND PRIDE AS A FELLOW REPUBLICAN IN INTRODUCING TO YOU THE HONORABLE CHRISTOPHER "KIT" BOND, GOVERNOR OF MISSOURI.

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TO: Senator FROM: Mike

RE: Information on Governor Bond

Governor Bond, now 35, was elected to a four-year term as Governor in 1972 at the age of 33, then (but not still) the youngest Governor in the country.

Earlier, he was defeated in race to unseat Congressman Hungate, but came within 10,000 votes of doing so.

Later elected State Auditor before becoming Governor.

Elected Chairman of Republican Governors' Association in December, 1974.

In 1972, he was one of only two new Republican Governors elected. He has, on occasion, given some credit for this to the support from the Republican Governors' Association made possible by your decision, when you were Chairman, to empower RGA for the first time to distribute campaign fund assistance.

Wife's name is Carolyn.