

M E M O R A N D U M

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TO: SENATOR DOLE
FROM: JIM WHITTINGHILL
SUBJECT: POSTMASTERS

****I am not certain of your past positions on some of the following issues, so please check the points before using.****

- o Every year at this time, Republicans all across the country gather to hear politicians at what we call Lincoln Day Dinners.
- o Abraham Lincoln, our 16th President, will always be known as one of the best to ever hold the office.
- o However, before he became President, he served as one of your predecessors -- as a Postmaster, from May 7, 1833 to May 30, 1836 in the town of New Salem, Illinois.
- o The end of Lincoln's service as a postmaster was brought about by the same action that concerns many of you today.
- o The Post Office at New Salem was closed so that its service are could be combined with the Post Office at Petersburg.
- o Having represented rural areas in Kansas in both the U.S. House of Representatives and in the United States Senate, I know not only of the need to provide for the daily delivery of mail in these areas, but also that the local Post Offices serve as more than a delivery and collection area for mail.
- o Post Offices are a gathering place, bringing neighbors together, and fostering discussions and debates over everything from pie recipes to issues before the Congress.
- o I believe the principle duty for the Postal Service has always been, and should remain, to provide quality mail service, at reasonable rates, to all Americans, regardless of where they live.
- o At times employees of the U.S. Postal Service have been joked about, had their integrity questioned. It's nice to have you folks take that off our backs once in awhile, and I thank you.

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Mr. Hugh Bates, National President
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of the United States
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Dear Hugh:

I appreciated the opportunity you afforded to me to address the Annual Legislative Conference of the National Association of Postmasters of the United States.

It was a true pleasure to meet with such a prestigious group of Americans.

In addition, I want to thank you for the plaque of postage stamps depicting the history of the United States Postal Service.

The Postmasters and their National Association are providing a great service to our country, and I congratulate you.

Sincerely,

BOB DOLE
Republican Leader

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