

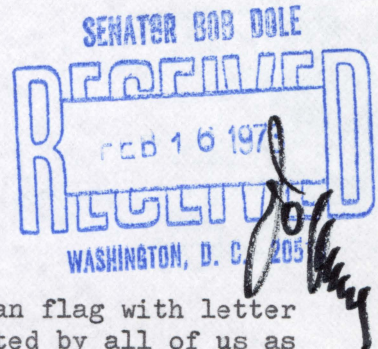
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February 13, 1973

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Honorable Bob Dole
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510



Dear Bob:

With your usual thoughtfulness, the American flag with letter from Architect George M. White is appreciated by all of us as a valuable addition to our Americana.

Some day when you have the time in Topeka, you might enjoy a few minutes relaxation looking through the somewhat belated collection I have gotten together in the basement.

Thank you for your kind and complimentary remarks introducing my Hesston talk to the Congressional Record *of Rand campaign*

You have a fight on your hands in the coming election. I find an interesting difference of opinion among four or five whose political judgements I value as to whether your strongest opposition will be Docking or Roy. Personally, I think Docking, because his name is so much better known to the voters. Roy is hardly known outside of the Second District. It is evident that his publicity is starting this early to meet that.

I think your campaign for re-election should be shaped more than it has been to warm up labor and the independent vote. You don't need to worry about the regular Republicans.

I couldn't agree more with the enclosed copy of Don Concannon's letter. I am also enclosing a copy of my reply to Senator Booth.

With highest personal regards and every good wish -

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February 8, 1973

George E. Nettels, Jr.
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Dear George:

Thank you for your letter of February 7, 1973 concerning the meeting in Topeka at 4 o'clock p.m. on March 9, 1973. I regret that I will be unable to attend due to a trial which will not conclude until 5 o'clock p.m.

The only item of business which I feel strongly about is the change in the method of selecting the State Chairman and the spectre of a convention or endorsement type of party primary to which I am unalterably opposed.

Our recent defeats are not a result of the primary system but are due to those of us who failed in our job to comprehend the attitude of the people and to present a positive program.


I cannot truthfully say that Docking presented a better program but I feel that we failed to present an acceptable alternative to his stated positions.

Until the Republican Party becomes a viable party of the people we can expect to sustain further defeats at the polls. By limiting the participation of interested Republicans we have created an undesirable climate which was very evident on Kansas Day. It is more important to win elections than to perpetuate personal power for a few "political leaders."

If we recommend any change in our method of selection of party nominees, we will dig our own grave. It is time we quit looking for "scapegoats" and accept the blame ourselves. Smoke filled rooms are for the 19th Century, not for the "Age of Aquarius."

I am sending a copy of this letter to each of the former State Chairmen for their information.

Very truly yours,



D. O. Concannon

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cc: Jack Ranson, Donald P. Schnacke, Lloyd P. Ruppenthal, Richard D. Rogers, Hon. Alf M. Landon, Oliver H. Hughes, Bill Falstad, Frank Carlson

February 6, 1973

Senator Arden Booth, Chairman
Senate Elections Committee
Kansas State House
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Senator:

Answering your letter of January 26, I am definitely opposed to any change in the preferential primary law such as, quoting from your letter, "The concept embodied in Colorado's pre-primary designation law.

It is simply designed to make it more difficult for the rank and file of a party to participate in selecting their candidates by substituting a convention, in effect, in place of the primary.

I opposed this before a joint committee of the House and Senate in July or August, 1971. So did former Governors Anderson and Avery. If you want my position and that of Anderson and Avery, I expect you will find it in the transcript of that hearing.

If it ever gets out of the committee and comes up for a vote, I will oppose it. If it passes and the Governor vetoes it, I will publicly endorse his position.

I am not for the "team" concept. Let the candidates for governor and lieutenant governor run in the primary, as they do now.

If your committee wants to hear me further, and invites me, I will accept.

With kindest personal regards -

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February 20, 1973

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Honorable Alf M. Landon
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Topeka, Kansas 66601

Dear Alf:

Thanks for your letter of February 13, and enclosed copies of yours and Don Concannon's letters to George Nettels. I certainly share your sentiments wholeheartedly.

Also agree we have a lot of hard work ahead of us in the coming months, and we have already begun to gear up for the campaign. Whether Docking or Roy will be the Democrat opponent, of course, remains to be seen, but I am certain one of the two will be. As you indicate, both are strong opponents and it is obvious that Roy has already started his campaign.

We are concentrating a great deal of effort on organization this campaign, and, of course, I appreciate your suggestions from time to time.

Thanks again for writing, and kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE
U. S. Senate

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