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D. Bole

This is just a note to tell you again how much I appreciated the 25th Anniversary luncheon which you hosted and presided over with your incomparable grace, humor, and efficiency. It was one of the most memorable events I have attended during the 37 years I have been in and out of the political arena.

This gives me another opportunity to tell you that I thought your response to Clinton was right on target. The fact that I was able to say that I favor the Dole plan points up how necessary it is to be for a responsible program to deal with the problem rather than just being against what the other side offers. Some of our more reactionary colleagues will complain, but they are wrong, both politically and substantively. As you probably know, I signed on to a health care plan with liberal Republican Congressmen like Jake Javits when I was in my first year in the House. If we had faced up to the problem then, we wouldn't be confronted with Clinton's revolutionary proposals today.

I was delighted to see Elizabeth again. I would like to have her recipe for staying and looking so young and attractive. She has the same bounce that I recall so often from the time I first met her when she came into the Oval Office with my consumer lady. I look forward to the time when both Doles will hold elected office. She would make a great candidate, just as you have proved yourself to be over the years.

I thought the most astute comment I made during the luncheon was that Clinton and you are in the

same class when it comes to mixing with people. I give you an edge, because I believe you would be good with people even if you weren't in office or seeking office. I am not sure that would be the case with him.

I look forward to seeing both Elizabeth and you sometime this spring, after I return from Russia.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'RD', written in a cursive style.

The Honorable Robert Dole