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PL/Dole

September 9, 1976

Dear Bob:

The President handed me the enclosed and asked that I send it to you. He thought you would like to have it for your memorabilia of August 19, 1976.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Max

Max L. Friederwold
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Bob Dole
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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✓ Copy of August 19 edition of The Russell Daily News inscribed as per copy attached

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 9, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MAX FRIEDERSDORF

FROM:

JIM CONNOR *JEB*

The attached autographed copy of THE RUSSELL DAILY NEWS was returned in the President's outbox.

It is forwarded to you for handling with Senator Dole.

cc: Dick Cheney
Jerry Jones
Anne Kamstra

THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN . . .

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 7, 1976

MR. PRESIDENT:

Red Cavaney asked that the attached be forwarded for your information and suggested you might want to autograph it for Senator Dole.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JH Jones", written over the typed name.

Jerry H. Jones

To my great "running-mate" Bob Dole,
in appreciation and best wishes.
Jerry Ford

Daily News

Continued hot and dry tonight and Friday. Low tonight 70s. High Saturday near 100.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1976

Official City Paper — Official County Paper

6 PAGES

Bob Dole

national chairman under Richard Nixon from 1971-73. Dole was divorced and in December married Mary Elizabeth Hanford, a member of the Federal Trade Commission. Dole has a daughter, Robin. Earlier, Ronald Reagan, the

vanquished presidential candidate with whom Ford had conferred early today about the vice presidency, again had said he absolutely was not interested in the second slot.

The choice of Dole was surprising because he comes from a Midwest state that traditionally has been Republican.

But in Washington, a congressional farm aide said that polls showed Ford in trouble in the traditional Farm Belt GOP bastions—possibly because of lingering resentment over farm export embargoes in recent years.

From that standpoint, the aide

said, Dole "is probably the best guy he could have picked."

Dole's close identification with Richard Nixon and the fact he headed the national party at the time of the Watergate break-in are considered major reasons he nearly lost his Senate seat in 1974.

One Capitol Hill observer joked, "If you like Dick Nixon, you'll love Bob Dole."—and Dole barely defeated former Rep. William Roy, D-Kan., by 13,532 votes of 794,437 votes cast.

Before he publicly made the announcement, Ford telephoned the others who had been seriously considered and told them he had decided on Dole.

Soviets Contend Voting Is Rejection

By United Press International
The Soviet Union said Thursday President Ford's nomination marks a rejection of an "ultra-reactionary course" by the Republican Party. The official Tass news agency, however, also criticized Ford's supporters for allowing concessions to Ronald Reagan in the Republican Party platform.

In London, a Foreign Office spokesman said the British government would have no immediate comment since it considers Ford's nomination at the Republican convention an internal U.S. affair.

"The results of the voting are

ation of tensions in relations with the Soviet Union and called for an unrestrained arms race."

Tass said Ford's supporters, in the interests of party unity, made concessions to Reagan forces, "specifically in the amendment hampering Soviet-American relations that was adopted on the insistence of Reagan's supporters."

The agency quoted Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger as saying the amendment would not have any effect on U.S. foreign policy and describing it as a "tactical move."

The Communist party newspaper Pravda also attacked the

