

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

August 13, 1974

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I appreciate the opportunity to submit my suggestions for the Vice Presidency. The editorial comments represent only my personal views.

(1) Franklin Murphy, Los Angeles, California. Chairman of the Board, Los Angeles Times Company. Former Chancellor, UCLA, and University of Kansas; also Dean of the Medical School at the University of Kansas. Republican, age approximately 58. Why not consider someone "outside" politics? Doctor Murphy would bring to the Vice Presidency a wealth of experience in business and education.

(2) Senator Barry Goldwater or Governor Nelson Rockefeller. Their credentials are obvious. However, looking at 1976 and beyond, a younger Vice President might be more desirable. In the Midwest, both Goldwater and Rockefeller are considered good Republicans, and either would be wholly acceptable.

(3) Senator Howard Baker. Credentials obvious. Association with the Watergate Committee might offend some hard-line Nixon Republicans, but his overall ability outweighs this. Also, Tennessee has a Republican Governor, and if selected, his Senate seat would be filled by a Republican.

(4) Elliot Richardson. Credentials are obvious, but his role in the so-called "Saturday Night Massacre" would alienate some Republicans. His philosophy would be helpful in attracting moderates to the Republican Party.

(5) Donald Rumsfeld. Again, credentials are obvious. Don Rumsfeld, with his great potential, would be most helpful in attracting young Americans not just to the Republican Party, but to programs instituted by the Ford Administration.

(6) Anne Armstrong. Outstanding credentials. Her strength is working with people, and I can personally attest that her efforts have been most productive over the years.

(7) Senator Ed Brooke. Would have strong appeal to the American moderate to liberal philosophy.



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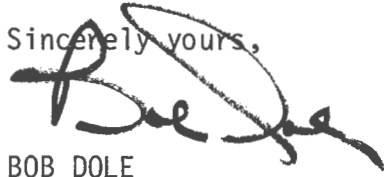
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(8) Chairman George Bush. George has wide Party appeal. His appointment would be viewed by some as totally partisan, but again, George has a great number of offsetting qualities.

There has been no effort to list these in any order of preference. There are literally hundreds of possibilities, and I am confident the person you select will be acceptable to the great majority of Americans.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Dole", written over the words "Sincerely yours,".

BOB DOLE
U. S. Senate

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