

Bush Is Lining Up Prospects For No. 2 Spot on the Ticket

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WASHINGTON, July 27 — Vice President Bush has begun calling at least a dozen possible running mates, including several unexpected candidates, to ask if they would be interested in joining him on the Republican ticket, aides and advisers to Mr. Bush said today.

Those who say they are interested are then asked to provide personal information to Robert M. Kimmitt, a Washington lawyer who Mr. Bush has chosen to head the search for a Republican Vice Presidential candidate.

The size of the list would suggest that some inclusions were aimed more toward satisfying a particular constituency rather than toward an actual selection. But Mr. Bush's aides insisted that all the candidates had a chance at being named, and left open the possibility that still others could be added.

Among the group being considered are Senators John C. Danforth of Missouri, Pete V. Domenici of New Mexico and William L. Armstrong of Colorado, and Governor Carroll H. Campbell Jr. of South Carolina. The four had not been thought of as likely choices, but are now being considered because they could help Mr. Bush in regions or states on which he has decided to focus in the campaign, a top Bush aide said.

Calls Began Monday

The telephone calls by the Vice President were begun Monday and represent the first formal step in selecting a running mate. Mr. Bush has indicated that he would probably wait until the Republican National Convention, which will be held Aug. 15-18 in New Orleans, before announcing his selection.

The list of Vice Presidential possibilities includes two women, Senator Nancy Landon Kassebaum of Kansas

and Elizabeth Hanford Dole, the former Transportation Secretary. Her husband, Senator Bob Dole of Kansas, who finished second to Mr. Bush in the Republican primaries, is also on the list, as is another primary opponent, Representative Jack F. Kemp of New York.

Others that are to be contacted include: Governors James R. Thompson of Illinois, John H. Sununu of New Hampshire, Thomas H. Kean of New Jersey and George Deukmejian of California; former governors Lamar Alexander of Tennessee and D. Thornburgh of Pennsylvania, who was recently nominated to be Attorney Gen-

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eral; and Senator Alan K. Simpson of Wyoming.

The field of candidates is larger than that considered by Mr. Bush's Democratic opponent, Michael S. Dukakis. The Massachusetts Governor selected Senator Lloyd Bentsen of Texas after reviewing the list of possible running mates for several weeks and holding personal meetings with those under consideration.

Mr. Bush, according to aides, will not hold such meetings, believing that he already knows the candidates well enough to make his decision.

Under the process that Mr. Bush will use, candidates indicating an interest in the No. 2 job will be asked to complete a questionnaire and will undergo a background check. Mr. Bush told the Washington Post yesterday that he has asked Mr. Kimmitt to head the search, a task that will include interviewing the candidates.

Mr. Kimmitt, a close associate of Mr. Bush, is a former general counsel to the Treasury Department and. In addi-

tion, he is close to Treasury Secretary James A. Baker 3d, who is expected to become the chairman of the Bush campaign in the next few weeks. Mr. Kimmitt has also served as general counsel and executive secretary of the National Security Council in the Reagan Administration.

Mr. Bush is particularly sensitive to the process of picking a running mate. He was chosen as President Reagan's running mate in 1980 after a "dream ticket" that was to have included Mr. Reagan and former President Ford fell apart.

"The Vice President feels that public auditions are demeaning to public servants," said Sheila Tate, his chief spokesman. "He wants to avoid any kind of tryouts on or off Broadway." The long list will be narrowed to several contenders before Mr. Bush makes his choice. It could include possible additions, such as Lieut. Gen. Colin L. Powell, Mr. Reagan's national security adviser, one Bush adviser said. Mr. Powell, who is black, is a career Army officer.

Aides to Mr. Bush say that the list is being compiled with several considerations that the Vice President has

voiced in recent weeks. He has said that he is seeking a running mate who is compatible, qualified to become President, and loyal.

Although the Vice President has dismissed the need to balance the ticket either ideologically or geographically, some of the candidates would indeed meet at least of those criteria. Mr. Dole, Mr. Danforth, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Kassebaum could be helpful in the Midwest; Mrs. Dole, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Alexander in the South; and Mr. Kemp and Mr. Armstrong among very conservative voters.

One Bush associate said that several candidates were included because they might help deliver a state that the Vice

President needs to win. Those include Mr. Danforth, Mr. Thornburgh, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Deukmejian. The California Governor has already indicated to reporters that he is not interested, but he is still being considered by Mr. Bush.

While some aides to Mr. Bush have indicated that they regard Mr. Dole as the strongest choice, one said today that there was some support emerging for Mr. Domenici. The Senator could be helpful in the Mountain States and among ethnic voters, a group that the Vice President has decided to focus on in the campaign, the aide said.

Mr. Bush has been seeking recom-

mendations from several Republican sources, including the Republican Governors Association, the Republican National Committee and House and Senate Republicans.

But one prominent conservative, Senator Gordon J. Humphrey of New Hampshire, said today that he and other conservatives now look to the selection of Mr. Bush's running mate as the "acid test" of whether the Vice President cares about support from that wing of the party.

"So far the Bush campaign has not only failed to turn on conservatives, it has actually turned them off," he said. "Conservatives fear that George Bush will choose someone from the Republi-

can establishment, some bloodless, split-the-difference Republican who will drive blue-collar America right into the arms of smiling Mike Dukakis."

Mr. Bush will be conducting the search under intense secrecy. He indicated to the Washington Post that he would have Mr. Kimmitt report directly to him and not to his political staff to assure confidentiality. Recently, the Vice President said that he planned to keep his final choice a secret until the convention. He said that he hoped he did not talk in his sleep, fearing that he might disclose his selection to his wife, Barbara.