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CONGRESSMAN BOB DOLE (R-KANS) told Kansas lawyers attending the Institute on Farm Law in Salina, Kansas, today that farm laws must be simplified. Dole said that we must have some degree of complexity and technicality in a body of law as large and far-reaching as is that which is administered by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Complexity cannot be avoided, but our laws and programs can and should be logically organized, simplified, and where possible, streamlined.

"The need for better understanding and clearer communication is obvious," continued Dole, "for if farmers specifically and the public generally do not understand the programs which are in effect, these programs are simply going to be ineffective."

Specifically, Dole recommended that the office of General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture prepare and distribute to the public a digest of our major agricultural laws. This booklet should not be a definitive and precise legal instrument, but, rather, a general description in plain and non-legalistic language describing the various statutes, how and to whom they apply, the functions of the appropriate agency in the government which administers each law, the procedures for appearance and appeal within the Dept. of Agriculture, and other pertinent information which would be of use to practicing attorneys who are not specialized in agricultural law and to interested members of Congress and the general public.

Dole also discussed the impact of federal farm programs on farm leases, deeds, and security instruments. He pointed out that although the size of a farm acreage allotment for any commodity such as wheat does have a direct relationship to the value of the farm, the courts have held that allotments are not property rights and are, therefore, not protected by

Constitutional guarantee concerning the taking of property without just compensation. Accordingly, the purchaser of a farm who pays a substantial sum for the farm's acreage allotment and related history acreage has no redress against the government if the Congress should change the method of determining acreage allotments or repeal the statute entirely.

Dole also plugged for his proposal to create a "Bread and Butter Corps", which would provide technical assistance to developing countries around the world through an intensified and an accelerated program in cooperation with land grant colleges.

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