

A release from office of Cong. Bob Dole

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By a staff member

The things you wouldn't know if you didn't open your mail, says Hal Boyd. And the things those of us on the team of Cong. Bob Dole learn and have the privilege of acting upon as we open mail, answer and make telephone calls, confer with constituents and other friends throughout the state and nation.

We are privileged to have as our Congressman and our Boss, a great humanitarian who extends himself to the fullest (and expects the same of his staff) as he serves the people of the bit First District on matters big and small. To assist him he has ^acapable staff in Washington, ranging in number to 12 during the summer months when students come in for six week's assignments. In addition the Congressman has opened two offices in the district--at Great Bend and Dodge City. Mrs. Blanche Miner is in charge of the Great Bend office at 101 Old Federal Building. Her assistants are Mrs. Elizabeth Lesturer and Mrs. Schumacher.

The unique feature of the Dodge City office, 708 Cent^{ral}, operated by Miss Bee Jacquart is a "hot" telephone line to Washington, D. C. This Federal Telephone Service line offers direct dialing to all members of Congress, Governmental agencies, etc., as well as Watts dialing through operators in Kansas and the nation. All this at a minimum monthly charge for Congressmen. There are only six other cities in Kansas--Kansas City, Wichita, Hutchinson, Salina, Topeka, Junction City and Fort Riley that has the system.

Inquiries or appeals for assistance may be made ~~made~~ to any of the three offices. We are in daily contact, ~~thanks~~

~~is~~ chiefly to the telephone service available through the Dodge City office.

Some of the case work is what you would expect to be handled in a Congressman's office: supplying flags which have flown over the Capitol to groups and individuals; securing Kansas flags, some to be flown in Viet Nam; requests for Congressional White House tours and escorts while in the Nation's Capitol; replying to invitations for personal appearances and speeches for Cong Dole and scheduling his transportation, etc. This is a demanding part of the work since his invitations are numerous and his desire great to ~~as~~ accept as many as his congressional duties will permit with little regard to personal activities and relaxation.

But far from routine are the requests that come by mail or telephone. Take for instance the snakebite case. Ronald Rudy ~~was~~ bitten in two fingers by a snake while home on leave visiting his aunt, Mrs. Karl Ludolph in Oakley. After 18 days of hospitalization when the arm showed no improvement, we received a call. Within 24 hours an ~~military~~ plane was there to transport him to Fitzsimmons where he underwent surgery. We kept in daily contact with him, relaying messages of our calls through his doctor and informing relatives of his condition.

Then there's the case of the missing seabag. We got involved when Harold Graham of Ellsworth called the Great Bend office to solicit aid in locating the bag for his son, Dan L. Graham. About six weeks prior Dan, enroute home from Viet Nam was grounded during a blizzard in Spokane, Wash. The plane on

which the bag was left took off ahead of schedule the next day without Dan. He spent \$40 making telephone calls about it to no avail before he reported to San Diego, Calif., for survival training. The day following the referral to the Congressman's office, the bag was located enroute to Europe and ordered re-routed to Ellsworth. Besides Dan's gear, the bag contained gifts from Viet Nam.

Then there's the case of the bar^o wiring ^{splitting} ~~splitting~~ contest which might reach international proportions as we assist Ivan ^{of La Crosse} Krug with his dream.