

FROM OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN BOB DOLE
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Republican candidate for U. S. Senator Bob Dole demanded Friday that the Department of Defense explain its plans to utilize the approximately 3900 reservists and guardsmen called to duty last May in the "Kansas call-up."

Congressman Dole, now completing his fourth term in Kansas' First Congressional District, asked Secretary of Defense Clark M. Clifford in a letter to clarify three points regarding the call-up.

"Why, specifically, were the reservists called and the guardsmen mobilized? Is there any plan for the early release of these men, any or all of them? And, if there are no such plans, can you anticipate the disposition of the 69th brigade, as well as any Kansas reserve unit when the training ends?"

Congressman Dole said Kansas produced 16 per cent of the 24,450 reservists and National Guardsmen called up last May though it has only 1.12 per cent of the nation's population.

Despite this, he said, Kansas draft calls have not been reduced proportionately.

"Kansans don't expect the best of both worlds, but neither are we entitled to the worst," he wrote. "The Kansas obligation should not be greater than any other state," Congressman Dole said.