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SALINA, Kans., Speaking to a Saline county Republican group here this morning, Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate Bob Dole, said, "My opponent, perhaps inadvertently, has continually misstated my position on the wheat certificate plan and his position as well."

"I have searched the records carefully and cannot find that my opponent ever voted for a wheat certificate plan, though the records do indicate he voted against this type of program in 1964 while a Member of Congress," Congressman Dole added.

"I voted for the 1965 Agricultural Act, which included the wheat certificate plan, and supported a one-year extension of the program in the House as recently as last Tuesday (July 30)," Dole said.

"Let me add that, in my opinion, the wheat certificate plan needs modification or as an alternative, a new program must be developed by Congress in 1969."

"The present program has not increased farm income," Dole said. "This is primarily due to the administration of the program and the fact that Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman has used surplus stocks of wheat and other grains to depress market prices."

Dole said, "I continue to hold the opinion that agriculture is the basis of our economy in Kansas, and that when farm income drops, as it has in the past few years, everyone -- not just the farmer -- suffers."

"Continued drops in income can only lead to fewer farms and higher prices for consumers. It is in the national interest to develop sound agricultural policies and if nominated and elected to the U.S. Senate, I would hope to serve on the Senate Agriculture Committee."

Congressman Dole, after the 7:30 a.m. breakfast here, plans to spend most of the final day of campaigning in the First Congressional District.

After a visit in Clay Center, Dole will arrive in Hutchinson at 1:30 p.m. and in Kinsley at 4:30 p.m. Dole will attend an 8 p.m. fund-raising dinner sponsored by the Pawnee County Dole for Senate committee in Larned and plans to spend the night in his hometown, Russell.