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CHANUTE, Kans., Oct. 5 -- Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate Bob Dole tonight said Hubert Humphrey should stop playing games with the American people about Vietnam.

In a speech at a Neosho county Republican rally, Congressman Dole said Humphrey's Sept. 30 statement, "billed by his supporters as a major departure from the Johnson Administration's policy on the bombing of North Vietnam, was little more than confusing double-talk."

"While publicly Humphrey appears to be trying to establish a bombing stance he can call his own, it may still be he is only trying to cloud the issue in an effort to be all things to all people, his usual position."

"Humphrey's statements were that of a panic-stricken candidate grasping at political straws in an effort to gain partisan advantage," he added.

"The American people, especially those with sons and other relatives in Vietnam, have a right to expect more from a candidate for the Presidency of the United States than an obvious effort to further confuse," Dole said.

"The net effect of Humphrey's statement may well be that Hanoi will mark time in the Paris negotiations until after the election," he said. "Humphrey's stance is unchanged, but he has indicated an apparent willingness to capitulate, and this is a dangerous game to be playing with American lives."