



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE CALLS FOR INVESTIGATION OF FUEL WASTE REPORTS

Washington, D.C. -- In letters to Defense Secretary Schlesinger and Federal Energy Office Director William Simon today, Senator Bob Dole called for "a full and immediate investigation" of a report that Air Force jets at one U.S. base were being ordered to fly a heavy schedule to burn up existing stocks of JP-4 jet fuel so that storage would be available for new supplies now ready for delivery.

A full text of Dole's letter, dated December 21, follows:

Dear Sir:

I have today received a very disturbing report about fuel use practices at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, which, if true, indicate that there is a wholesale waste of large quantities of JP-4 jet fuel at this base.

I have been told that storage tanks at Fort Campbell were practically full when deliveries of large amounts of additional fuel that had been contracted, began to come in. My report indicates that an order was given to pilots at Fort Campbell to begin a heavy flying schedule, though there were no planned missions nor scheduled training exercises to justify it.

The apparent purpose of the order to begin a full flying schedule was to ensure that a sufficient quantity of stored fuel was used up to make room for the new supplies.

If this is true, or worse, being repeated in other bases in the country, the waste would be tremendous. I understand that some 600,000 - 1,000,000 gallons may be involved in the Fort Campbell situation alone.

I urge a full and immediate investigation of this report and request your report at the earliest possible opportunity.

Sincerely,

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