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DOLE RECEIVES REPORT ON ALLEGED FUEL WASTE AT FORT CAMPBELL

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS--Senator Bob Dole said he received a report today from the Department of Defense in response to his December 21 letter to Defense Secretary Schlesinger. Dole's letter called for a full and immediate investigation of a report that Air Force jets at Fort Campbell, Kentucky 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.

Defense Department officials said they had "fully investigated allegations" reported to Senator Dole by a serviceman stationed at Fort Campbell and "found none of the allegations to have any basis." The Commander General of Fort Campbell said there had even been "drastic reductions" in the amount of fuel used for flying exercises. He reported cancellation of two planned flying exercises that would have used one million gallons of JP-4 motor fuel. He also said that most of the flying exercises scheduled for December had taken place before December 15 because of the coming Holiday Season, causing a temporary increase in flying that would be offset by a lessening in flying activity during the last half of the month.

After receiving the report Dole said, "I'm pleased by both the quick response from the Department of Defense and their assurance that they will continue to investigate this and similar reports of fuel waste at military installations."

