

SENATOR BOB DOLE

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DOLE CALLS ON CARTER TO APOLOGIZE

WASHINGTON, D.C. --- Senator Bob Dole today called on Governor Carter to apologizato FBI Director Clarence Kelley for what Dole labeled "a feeble and unjustified attempt to politically exploit the recent allegations against the FBI Director." If Governor Carter intends to fire and reprimand every federal employee on the basis of unconfirmed allegations, I hardly see how the federal government can function," Dole added "Government employees have rights, too."

"First he says he would fire him and then he wsays he would not," Dole charged. He's unpredictable and can't stay with a position. But while he's trying to strike a political chord, he is unfairly playing with the rights of Director Kelley and threatening the morale of all federal employees.

"Clarence Kelley's record as the Chief of Police of Kansas City, Missouri and as FBI Director, has been beyond repute," Dole added. "He has always demonstrated the highest personal integrity. What evidence does Governor Carter possess which was not available to Attorney General Levi when he recommended Mr. Kelley be retained? Does Governor Carter have any reason to believe the Attorney General was not acting in good faith in making his recommendations? Unless Governor Carter has some good answers to these questions, he should remain silent," Dole concluded.

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