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## FLOOR STATEMENT OF SENATOR BOB DOLE ON BILLY CARTER INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) made the following floor statement

today:

"The latest revelations surrounding Billy Carter's representation on behalf of the Libyan government demand a complete and immediate Congressional investigation.

"On July 18 I made a formal request for Senate Judiciary Committee hearings to delve into the unanswered questions about Billy Carter's Libyan connection.

"Yesterday as reported by the press, in a separate Judiciary Committee inquiry, Robert Vesco disclosed that he had interceded for the Libyans to procure release of U.S. government ban on some airliners sought by Colonel Qaddafi.

"Today, Mr. President, the latest media reports reveal that a federal grand jury last fall received testimony connecting the sale of Libyan oil and Billy Carter's attempt to procure a greater allotment for the Charter Oil Co. with Vesco's involvement to procure the release of the airplanes. According to these allegations, the payment to Carter by Charter Oil of up to 50 cents a barrel for his help in obtaining more oil for the company was actually an indirect part of a payment by Libya to Vesco for release of the fighter planes. Despite such testimony, the Federal Grand Jury and the Justice Department did not follow up the charges.

"Mr. President, because of the broadening scope of Billy Carter's possible involvement with the Libyan government and the Justice Department's apparent reluctance to investigate fully the situation, an independent, impartial, and immediate examination is needed. This can best be achieved by either the Judiciary Committee, the Foreign Relations Committee, or a specially-appointed select committee.

"Mr. President, allegations with serious implications have been raised concerning the brother of the President of the United States and an attempted bribery scheme by a foreign nation. The Justice Department, by entering into the July 14 consent decree, appears to have ended its inquiry into the matter without resolving many questions. It is now time for Congress to begin its investigation to produce the missing answers."