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### BILLY CARTER TESTIMONY POINTS TO UNANSWERED QUESTIONS, DOLE SAYS

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.), a member of the special Senate subcommittee investigating Billy Carter's affairs, today pointed to avenues the subcommittee will likely pursue when it reconvenes next week.

"In several key areas of the subcommittee's inquiry, it seems that for every question that is answered, two questions remain to be answered," Dole said. "The deeper we get, the more we turn up.

"The scope of the inquiry still focuses centrally on Billy Carter and his business and public relations activities with the Libyans, the White House's knowledge and involvement in Billy's activities, and the Justice Department's attempts to enforce the Foreign Agents Registration Act. The tax and financial dimensions of Billy's activities are now taking on greater significance. Also, Billy's business friends including Mr. Belluomini, will receive greater scrutiny than originally anticipated. There is greater curiosity with respect to Randy Coleman's involvement with Jeff Carter and his Phillipine dea

"But there are some specific questions which I intend to pursue once we hear further witnesses. Some of these include:

1. Was there one or two 'loans' from the Libyans to Billy?
2. Why did the Libyans approach Billy in the first place, and what services did he provide in return for Libyan payments?
3. Just who was involved in Billy's \$20-million-a-year oil deal?
4. Was Billy involved in any other Libyan deals such as C-130s, military trucks or other arms?
5. In respect to Billy's taxes: Did he declare all of his income and pay his taxes, or did he evade or ignore tax liability and receive preferred treatment from the IRS?
6. Was anyone in or close to the White House involved in Billy's deals?
7. Who is George Belluomini and why are he and his associates being investigated by federal narcotics agents; what are his ties to Billy?
8. Did Billy receive special treatment from the Justice Department?
9. Was justice obstructed by the Justice Department, the attorney general or the White House?
10. What was Jack McGregor's role in the Libyan oil deal? Was this part of a bail-out operation of his company, Carey Energy, which was planned well in advance?
11. Did Robert Vesco and his associates play any significant role?
12. Was national security compromised or foreign policy objectives in the Middle East interfered with?

"These and other questions will receive attention. Where they will lead cannot be predicted now. Sworn testimony before the subcommittee has already established, and Billy Carter has conceded, that: On his own and with no prior consultation with the U.S. government, he went to Libya, a dictatorship which has supported terrorism worldwide, to explore business opportunities at the Libyans' expense. He later took another paid trip to Libya, and his associate Randy Coleman took four. He made a deal with Jack McGregor and Charter Oil to broker Libyan oil for commissions ranging from \$2 million to \$20 million per year. He ignored Justice Department inquiries into his Libyan dealings as early as January 1979, and did not register as a foreign agent until 10 months after he received the registration forms and until he was twice called by his brother and urged to do so. He acted as an intermediary, at the President's request, in negotiations on the return of the Iranian hostages. At the same time, Libyans were burning down our embassy in Tripoli, and we later virtually severed diplomatic relations with Qaddafi's government. Mr. Carter received \$220,000 in payments from the Libyan government, apparently advances against a \$500,000 loan, months before registering as a foreign agent at the urging of the President and members of the Administration."