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WALSH PROBE UPDATE

WALSH STRIKES OUT AGAIN, BUT TAXPAYERS STILL PAYING TOP DOLLAR
FOR IRAN/CONTRA OFFICE; WALSH REJECTS CALL FOR STAFF LIST TO
DETERMINE PARTISAN MAKE-UP OF INQUISITION

WICHITA, KANSAS -- Independent Prosecutor Lawrence Walsh has "struck out again in his costly and partisan inquisition of Republicans", according to Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole now that the Supreme Court refused today to reinstate the Iran/Contra convictions of former Reagan national security adviser John Poindexter.

"Lawrence Walsh's bungling investigation is an ongoing embarrassment. Most taxpayer-funded officials in his position would recognize the futility of it all by packing it in and giving the taxpayers a break," Dole said. "Unfortunately, the meter keeps running -- every day his futile probe continues is another day the taxpayers are getting stuck with bills for his lavish spending, without getting much in return."

Meanwhile, Senator Dole revealed today that Mr. Walsh has denied a personal request to produce a list of staff employed -- at taxpayer expense -- by the Walsh operation. Senator Dole wanted the list to determine whether those working in the office have a history of being active in Democrat politics. "I am disappointed that Mr. Walsh regards my request as 'inappropriate.' In light of the taxpayers' stake in this issue, his response is inadequate. The more Mr. Walsh shields his probe from scrutiny, the more one must wonder what he has to hide," Dole added. "My staff and I will continue to seek the information the taxpayers deserve -- with or without Mr. Walsh's help."

Of concern to Senator Dole and others is Walsh's employment of Mr. James Brosnahan, a lawyer recently hired to handle the Weinberger indictment who has a history of being actively engaged in Democrat politics and personally contributed \$500 to the Clinton/Gore campaign. Mr. Brosnahan's law firm gave more than \$20,000 to the Clinton/Gore campaign. Weinberger was re-indicted by the Walsh/Brosnahan operation just four days before the November election, raising questions about the timing and partisan nature of the indictment. Lawmakers are also concerned whether the Clinton/Gore campaign was given advance word of the election-eve indictment.

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