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From The Office of
Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas)

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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas) today called upon Secretary
of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman to "withdraw immediately
the instructions he has given employees of the Department to
lobby for the Administration's farm program."

"The Freeman directive," Dole charged, "was based upon, but
went far beyond, a ~~now rescinded~~ memorandum in which
Chairman John W. Macy of the Civil Service Commission said that
'the career official may explain the position of the Administration
on proposed legislation before interested groups.'"

Dole noted that Chairman Macy ~~had~~ "retreated from this
position after Senator John J. Williams (R-Delaware) ~~had charged~~
and Senator Frank Carlson (R-Kansas)
~~admitted that the directive was~~ challenged the ruling
on the grounds that it would turn career employees of the
federal government into propagandists for ~~the Administration's~~
Administration programs and policies!"

"The retreat came," Dole said, "when
Senator Williams ~~had sought to attach~~ ~~to~~ offered ~~to~~
~~an appropriations bill rider~~ rider
an appropriations bill ~~which would have~~ which would have
denied the payment of salary to ~~an~~ any federal employee who
~~engaged in the type of operation~~ acted under the Macy ruling!"

The Kansas Congressman charged that "even prior to
~~the~~ the now withdrawn Macy memorandum, ~~top~~ *high* officials of the
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~~the~~ U.S. Department of Agriculture had ~~also~~ flatly told ~~xxxxxxx~~ State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation employees, Service ~~xxxxxxx~~ in meetings throughout the country, that they were expected to 'sell' Administration farm programs and, in at least some cases, these workers were ^{even warned} ~~that~~ that the alternative was to resign!"

"State ~~xxxx~~ ASCS officials were brought to Washington at government expense this month, while the Administration farm bill was before Congress," Dole said. "They were enjoined by President Kennedy himself to make their presence known to members of Congress. He told them not to let ~~their~~ their Congressmen and Senators feel 'lonesome.'

"The annual appropriation, under which the Department of Agriculture operates, specifically prohibits the use of any funds/^{so} provided ~~xxxxxxx~~ to support or oppose ~~any~~ legislation pending before Congress. The clear intent of Congress was plainly ~~the~~ disregarded in the ~~now~~ rescinded Macy memorandum. It was even more grossly flouted in the lobbying instructions which Secretary Freeman has been handing down to employees of his Department.

"Now ~~xxxxxxx~~ the Deputy ^{Director} ~~Administrator~~ of ASCS, Emery E. Jacobs, one of the top ~~xxxx~~ officials who managed the recent conclave of USDA officials in Washington, has resigned his post under fire in connection with the Billie Sol Estes cotton allotment scandal.

"If Mr. Freeman has any desire to ^{bolster} ~~retain~~ the waning confidence of farmers and city people alike in the Department of Agriculture and its objectives, he will ^{withdraw} ~~rescind~~ at once his instructions that employees of the agency become, in effect, political propagandists. The Macy retreat leaves him with ^{no} ~~no~~ altern

ative!"