



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE SAYS CARTER WAREHOUSE SPECIAL COUNSEL MUST HAVE INDEPENDENCE

WASHINGTON -- Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) said today that he could not approve of the Carter Administration's naming of a special counsel to investigate alleged irregularities involving loans by the National Bank of Georgia to the Carter family peanut warehouse until assurances have been given by the President and Attorney General Griffin Bell that the special counsel be given full independence as the sole investigator.

"To grant anything less than full independence to Mr. Curran is to pervert the whole concept of an impartial and non-political investigation," Dole said. "My doubts do not involve Mr. Curran's personal or professional ability; rather they involve the willingness of the Carter Administration to grant him the independence he needs to effectively do his job."