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DODGE CITY, KANSAS--Rep. Bob Dole, R-Kansas, said today that he is puzzled by a statement made by the number two man in the Department of Agriculture last week.

Undersecretary John A. Schnittker was quoted in the press (Minneapolis Tribune) on August 23, as saying that federal farm policy is aimed at achieving parity income for "adequate size commercial farms, but not necessarily for small farms." Schnittker defined as "adequate" the one million farms grossing over \$10,000 a year in sales. Smaller farms, he said, would have to look primarily to other federal departments for assistance.

"The Department of Agriculture has claimed for years to be a supporter of the small family farmer," said Dole. "Is it now ready to turn the small family farmer over to welfare and poverty agencies? If so, Schnittker's statement stands as an admission of utter failure and lack of commitment.

Congressman Dole stated, "If this is what the Johnson-Humphrey Administration has in mind, it means they consider that approximately 2/3 of Kansas farms, some 62,000, are not "adequate size commercial farms". The 1964 Agricultural Census shows that of approximately 97,000 farms in Kansas, some 62,000 or about 2/3, grossed less than \$10,000 per year. President Johnson has been telling urban residents to move to rural America, which conflicts completely with Undersecretary Schnittker's statement. If the Administration plans to phase out those who operate the 2.3 million farms in America which gross less than \$10,000 per year, the economy of rural America will be badly shaken.

"The best thing that could happen to American Agriculture would be for this Administration to spend less time attempting to control the farmer," Dole concluded.