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KANSAS CITY, Mo., January 10 -- Congressman Bob Dole, Republican candidate for the Senate seat being vacated by U. S. Senator Frank Carlson, today challenged the Johnson Administration to "open up the records and let the American people know the truth about organized Communist activity to create and exploit riots in our cities."

Addressing the government section of the Kansas Engineering Society meeting here, Dole charged that the White House is "covering up the facts on a major national threat that our people are entitled to know about."

The Congressman referred to recent statements by both House Majority Leader Carl Albert and House Minority Leader Gerald Ford that the White House has information regarding organized Communist activity during the 1967 urban riots.

"The Johnson Administration is as guilty of creating a credibility gap with regard to our domestic crisis as it has been in Vietnam," Dole said. "Any evidence of Communist activities in last year's riots and demonstrations should be made fully known to the public, as a necessary step toward curbing similar outbreaks of violence and lawlessness in the year ahead."

Dole, who has represented Kansas' First District in the Congress for the past seven years, told the group "maintaining law and order and the strengthening of the dollar at home and overseas" will be two major issues in the second session of the 90th Congress, which opens January 17.