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WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 2 -- Congressman Bob Dole has challenged the Johnson Administration "to make public the facts about recent wreckage in Viet Nam.

"In the past few days," Dole said, "the Viet Cong have attacked numerous towns and cities and the number one symbol of America's presence in Viet Nam -- our embassy in Saigon."

"We were either caught napping during the Saigon raid," Dole added, "or we knew about the attack and failed to take proper precautions."

Referring to a statement by White House Press Secretary George Christian who said the U. S. had "advance information" the day of the Saigon assault, Dole asked, "Where were the forces assigned to guard the Embassy? If we knew about an upcoming attack, why weren't we better able to ward off the enemy?"

"The American people can wander no longer in confusion caused by their government's lack of candor," the Kansas Congressman said. "The Administration must make known this country's actual purposes, our strength and the enemy's in Southeast Asia."

Noting news reports that indicate Viet Cong penetration is expanding daily, Dole said, "No one expects 100 per cent defense of all troublespots during hit-and-run attacks, but something enormous has gone wrong."

"This new crisis demands some straightforward explanations from the President as soon as possible," Dole said. "It cannot be shrugged off with the kind of flimsy explanations offered so far."