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WASHINGTON, D.C., July 18 -- Congressman Bob Dole, meeting with Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Director of the Selective Service, today outlined an eight-point plan "to achieve some urgently needed draft reforms."

In the conference in the Congressman's office here, Dole said, "With draft calls continuing to affect so many of our nation's young men, it is vital to make the draft as fair and as just as possible."

Dole's draft reform suggestions include:

- 1) establishment and enforcement of national standards for occupational deferments;
- 2) explicit provisions for deferments for all full-time students in good standing at junior and community colleges, and equitable treatment for part-time students in essential fields of study;
- 3) extension of deferments -- but not exemptions -- to students already in graduate school, allowing them to finish their graduate work before entering military service;
- 4) removal of the current prohibition against a lottery in order to open other possible avenues of approach to the selection of inductees;
- 5) giving Congress the power, now held by the President, to suspend student deferments in time of war or national emergency;
- 6) requirements that, except in time of war, physical and mental standards for induction through the draft be no lower than those for volunteer enlistment;
- 7) requirements that draft quotas be set far enough in advance to permit local boards to give draftees 30 days' notice before induction, and
- 8) reiteration of Congress' statement of intent that military manpower needs should be met as much as possible by volunteers.