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KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 29 -- Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate Bob Dole returned to Washington late Monday where he has arranged to confer with Secretary of Defense Clark Clifford Tuesday or Wednesday.

Dole's visit with Clifford is the result of a letter the Congressman sent last week, urging the Secretary to explain what he termed a growing sense of frustration of Kansas servicemen as to their military future.

Dole's inquiry applies to about 3600 members of the 69th Brigade and 395 reservists called into service from Kansas May 13. He noted the number of Kansans represents 16 percent of the total national call-up in May, while Kansas has only 1.12 percent of the total U.S. population.

In the letter to the Pentagon chief, the Congressman asked for answers to these questions:

- \* "Why specifically were the Reservists called up, and why were the Guardsmen mobilized?"
- \* "Is there any plan for early release for these men -- any or all of them?"
- \* "If there is no such plan, what will be the disposition of the Kansans when the current training program ends?"

Dole, a ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee, will also take part in House discussions on an extension of the Food and Agriculture Act.