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WASHINGTON, D.C., July 31 -- Congressman Bob Dole, Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate, today conferred with Secretary of Defense Clark Clifford in Washington.

Dole said the Secretary said "that certainly the men who had been activated in May have my complete sympathy, and I well understand the many, many questions the men and their families might have."

The Congressman added, "The Secretary promised that within three days I would receive a reply to my July 25 letter and that he would make every effort to answer candidly and specifically the three questions I submitted."

The three questions Dole asked Clifford in the letter are:

- * "Why specifically were the Reservists called 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's inquiry applies to about 3600 members of the 69th Brigade and 395 Reservists called into service from Kansas May 13. The Congressman noted that number represents 16 percent of the total national call-up in May, while Kansas has only 1.12 percent of the total U.S. population.