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WASHINGTON, D.C., July 31 -- Congressman Bob Dole conferred yesterday with Secretary of Defense Clark Clifford. The Secretary told Dole 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".

Dole said, "The Secretary of Defense promised that within three days he would 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 are:

1. Why, specifically, were the Reservists called, and why were the Guardsmen mobilized?
2. Is there any plan for early release for these men -- any or all of them?
3. If there are no plans for early release, can you anticipate the disposition of the 69th Brigade, or any portion thereof, as well as any Kansas Reserve Unit, when the current training program ends?

Dole said that the contents of the Secretary's reply would be released upon receipt.