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Secretary of the Army, Stanley Resor, met for an hour with Congressmen Bob Dole, Joe Skubitz, Chet Mize, Larry Winn, and Jim Fairchild representing Congressman Garner Shriver.

The meeting with the Kansas representatives was arranged last week by Congressman Dole to clarify the status of Kansans in the 69th Infantry Brigade at Fort Carson, the 1011 Supply and Service Company at Fort Benning, Georgia, the 842nd Quartermaster Company at Fort Lee, Virginia, and the 995th Maintenance Company at Fort Hood, Texas.

Resor pointed out that the 1011 S/S Company composed of 162 men from the Independence and Emporia area have received orders to the Pacific command. The 842nd Quartermaster Company composed of 237 men from the Kansas City area have also received orders to the Pacific command. Secretary Resor pointed out there are no overseas plans for the 995th Maintenance Company at this time.

With reference to the 69th Infantry Brigade, now a part of the 5th Mechanized Infantry Division, Secretary Resor reassured the Kansas Congressmen this unit would not go to Vietnam. He said that the unit would be maintained, as a unit, as much as possible. The Secretary did state that a small number of men in the 69th have received orders in September for Vietnam, that a small number will be ordered to Vietnam in October, and that a larger number will be ordered to Vietnam in November. He emphasized, however, the total percentage will be small and at no time will individual levies on the unit exceed 10% of the unit's authorized strength in a given month.

The Kansas Congressmen felt the personal visit with Resor will be helpful in answering many of the questions being received.

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The sum and substance of the conference, Dole stated, as far as the 69th was concerned is:

1. They are to be treated like any other active Army unit;
2. There are no plans for sending this unit to Vietnam;
3. That levies on the unit through November of 1968 will be

minimal;

4. There are no plans at this time for early release of any

of the Kansans called to active duty in May; and

5. That fewer men will probably be taken from the 69th than other

active Army units because of the desire to maintain the unit at a high level and the desire to keep the unit together where possible.

At the time the Kansas Congressmen conferred with Secretary Resor, they were not aware that Governor Docking had been briefed by telephone. Dole stated he was pleased the Governor was taking an interest.