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In reference to statements by columnist Drew Pearson appearing in his Monday, July 14 column, Senator Bob Dole of Kansas stated: "As usual Drew Pearson has little regard for facts."

In answer to specific charges, Dole countered with the following:

1) Senator James Pearson--who voted for President Johnson's ABM and opposes President Nixon's ABM, has not been subjected to pressure to vote for the ABM. Senator Pearson publicly stated this in Wichita on July 1.

2) I have not solicited funds for the American Security Council or any group supporting or opposing the ABM. I do support President Nixon's ABM as I did President Johnson's, because in my opinion, our national security must have first priority.

3) The tear sheet or ad, mentioned in Drew Pearson's column was mailed only to those who had written opposing the ABM-- not more than 300 altogether, and less than 20 outside Kansas.

Our contacts with those opposed to the ABM generally have been as follows: 1) A written response to the initial letter. 2) A second personal letter was recently forwarded to those who had previously expressed opposition to the ABM. In this letter I pointed out some scientists were for and some against the ABM and enclosed a copy of a speech I made about the ABM. 3) The reprint of the "ad" was mailed to those--and only those (less than 300) -- who had contacted me in writing. It was mailed to these writers without comment. 4) In the past 10 days we have mailed about 75 reprints of the ABM testimony of former Secretary of State in Truman's Administration, Dean Acheson, and Paul Nitze, Deputy Secretary of Defense in the Johnson Administration.

"Drew Pearson correctly stated that I favor the ABM, and that I am a United States Senator and a Republican," "and for Drew Pearson, that isn't bad. He failed to mention that he is and always has been anti-Nixon, anti-Republican, anti-ABM and that he continuously seeks to discredit anyone who opposes his views."