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WASHINGTON, D.C. Dec. 6---U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today suggested that key participants at the White House Conference on Nutrition be asked back to Washington to help draft in private its final report and recommendations.

In a letter to Dr. Jean Mayer, the Harvard nutritionist who coordinated the meeting, Dole said that conference sessions "diverted public attention away from important national health and nutritional problems and focused it instead on an impenetrable thicket of controversy."

Dole is a member of the Senate Nutrition and Human Needs Committee.

"As it stands now, it strongly appears that the conference has served the purpose of no group, or cause, save that of those few irresponsible individuals whose public behavior is governed by the switch of a kleig light," Dole said.

He noted that in announcing the conference, President Nixon had stated that its primary purpose would be to "focus national attention and national resources on our country's remaining -- and changing nutritional problems."

Dole said the public is only more confused than before as a result of the conference and urged that a "representative group of Conference participants, reflecting expertise in such fields as agriculture, nutrition, welfare and the food industry itself," be invited back to help write the final report.