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WASHINGTON, D.C. March 10 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) wrote President Nixon today suggesting a Task Force be created, which by investigating the possible uses of a grain-based alcohol additive for gasoline mixtures, might aid the President in his campaign against air pollution. Presently, a lead-based additive is used.

While assisting in the control of air pollution, Dole indicated the alcohol could be processed from wheat, corn and grain sorghum. This would mean an increased demand of over 3 billion bushels of those grains.

Dole's letter to the President endorsed an earlier one from Rep. Tom S. Kleppe (N. Dak.) which expressed similar interest in the possible uses of an alcohol additive.

The Kansas Senator said that the Task Force would combine the efforts of four federal departments -- Agriculture, Health Education and Welfare, Transportation and Housing and Urban Development which each had researched specific areas of the question or had expressed a special interest

Dole said the Task Force should be directed "to take a broad look at this proposal from a social as well as an economic standpoint."

The present investigations of the mixture's possibilities, Dole said, have been confined to the aspect of economic feasibility, based on the production of alcohol. He stressed that the potential value of the protein-rich refining by-product of the process has not been previously considered.

Present studies, Dole said, differ in the amount of effect the use of an alcohol-gasoline mixture would have on the reduction of air pollution. The Senator suggested to the President that a pilot project to determine its actual effectiveness be conducted in a community which is currently plagued with air pollution from vehicle exhaust. A member of the Air and Water Pollution Subcommittee of the Public Works Committee, Dole said a Task Force overview could disclose multiple benefits, both economic and social, which would far exceed the objections of previous, specialized studies.