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Scant Information A Problem For Rural Americans, Dole Says;
Handbook of Federal Programs Could Narrow "Information Gap"

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 13---- U.S. Sen. Bob Dole(R-Kans.) has announced the publication of a "Guide to Federal Programs for Rural Development," by the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

A member of the Rural Development Subcommittee of the Senate Agriculture Committee, Dole said he became acutely aware of the need for a catalog of federal programs for rural America as a result of Rural Development Subcommittee hearings conducted around the country. The handbook, Dole said, was originally published by the Independent Bankers Association of America, and has been updated and reprinted by the Rural Development Subcommittee.

"During our field hearings," Dole said, "it became apparent to me that small communities were not aware of the present federal programs that are available to assist in rural development. This 'Guide' is designed as a catalog of these federal programs in all aspects of rural development."

The handbook is available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, for \$2.50.