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WASHINGTON, D.C.——Senator Bob Dole announced today that he had talked with Counsellor to the President for Domestic Affairs,
Melvin Laird this afternoon to discuss the Phase IV program.

Dole's session with Laird came as a follow up to the Senator's
Wednesday meeting with President Nixon. At that meeting Dole had urged reconsideration of two Phase IV provisions —— the retention or the ceiling on beef prices until September 12th and the planned roll back of crude oil prices to May 15th levels.

Laird and Dole conferred at length on the matter with Dole reiterating his concern about the difficulties the two provisions posed for the beef and oil industries in Kansas as well as for the consumer in general. Dole said he planned to keep in regular contact with Laird on the subject.