



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE PREDICTS NO ADDITIONAL PARDONS

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole predicted this afternoon in Washington that "there would be no wholesale pardons" of those involved or implicated in Watergate crimes.

"It would be a travesty to do it," Dole said, "and I don't think it will be done."

Dole has expressed the view that the pardon of Richard Nixon was "premature" and "a mistake." He added today that "the only justification that's at all conceivable for the President's pardon of Nixon, at this time, is the state of the former President's health."

"We are told he is in deep depression. Rumors about his health are widespread.

This may help explain why President Ford acted when he did."

"There seems no similar possible justification for a wholesale pardon for the others," Dole said.

Dole said he had expressed his strong views against additional pardons in conversation earlier in the day with a key member of the White House staff.