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CARTER APPROACH TO INFLATION "SELECTIVE," SAYS DOLE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- "President Carter has lost sight of the whole inflation problem, and is dealing with the issue narrowly and selectively," Senator Bob Dole charged today. "He sees solutions to our farm crisis as 'inflationary,' he sees comparability pay for federal workers as 'inflationary,' -- but apparently inflation is no problem when it comes to striking coal miners, or to increasing the size of his own staff."

Dole, who spoke today to the Direct Mail and Marketing Association at the invitation of former Kansas Senator Frank Carlson, said this narrow approach to combatting inflation has alienated and disillusioned large segments of the American population.

"In recent months there has been an uproar over relatively minor adjustments in the Federal Budget. These adjustments of \$1 or \$2 billion in a record half-trillion dollar budget are not the cause of our inflation," Dole pointed out. "The inflation problem stems from a budget that contains \$60 billion of red ink. It stems from a failure to come to grips with big government and a failure to hold the line on inflationary demands."

"The policies of the Carter Administration generated an increase in price levels of 6.8% last year as compared to 4.8% for the last year of the Ford Administration. This year, the annual rate of inflation is closer to 10%. The pledge made last April by the Administration to achieve a 4% inflation rate by 1979 is now a mirage."

"I'm not encouraged by the rhetoric or the appointment of special advisors on inflationary matters. Instead, the Carter Administration must make the tough decisions necessary to control inflation and bring fiscal sanity back to government."