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DOLE CALLS ON JUSTICE DEPARTMENT FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING BILLY CARTER'S LIBYAN CONNECTION

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas), a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, today called for congressional review of Billy Carter's Libyan connection.

Dole wrote to Judiciary Committee Chairman Edward Kennedy requesting that the Judiciary Committee require the attorney general to provide the committee with "all relevant documents and information concerning Mr. Carter's failure to properly register as an agent for the Libyan government." He also requested that the full Judiciary Committee, or the appropriate subcommittee, hold hearings to "expeditiously resolve the unanswered questions in this case." The requests were made under authority granted the committee by the Foreign Agents Registration Act. "The American people have a right to make an informed decision concerning the impartiality of this decision by the Justice Department, including understanding the role of the White House in this matter," Dole said in his letter to Kennedy.

In addition, Dole, in a letter to Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti, personally requested information concerning Billy Carter's role as a foreign agent for the Libyan government under the public disclosure and inspection requirements of the Foreign Agents Registration Act, 22 USC sections 614(c), 615, 616(c) and 621.

Dole asked that the Justice Department provide a copy of the registration statement by Billy Carter, copies of political propaganda filed under Section 614 of the Foreign Agents Registration Act, books of account and other records submitted under Section 615 with respect to all of Billy Carter's activities on behalf of the Libyan government, the documentation which supports the allegations of the Justice Department complaint against Billy Carter under this act, and any other information filed by Billy Carter under the act.

"This month, U.S. District Court Judge John Garrett Penn issued a consent decree under which Billy Carter was required to register as an agent of the government of Libya," Dole said. "Mr. Carter agreed to register only after the Justice Department had brought suit against him, alleging that Mr. Carter had violated the Foreign Agents Registration Act by failing to properly register with the attorney general while he served as an agent of the government of Libya.

"The Foreign Agents Registration Act provides that individuals who willfully fail to promptly register as foreign agents can be fined up to \$10,000 and sentenced to five years in jail. The Justice Department did not prosecute Mr. Carter under this act despite available incriminating information."

Dole also sent a letter to Senator Joseph Biden (D.-Delaware), chairman of the criminal justice subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee, informing him of his intention to seek hearings.