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EARLY APPEARANCE BY PRESIDENT BEFORE COMMITTEE 'INAPPROPRIATE'

WASHINGTON -- An appearance next week by President Carter before the Senate Subcommittee investigating Billy Carter's affairs would be "inappropriate and potentially disruptive," according to Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas).

Dole, who first called for the creation of a special Judiciary Committee subcommittee in a letter to Senator Edward Kennedy two weeks ago, said President Carter's appearance would be "premature, until the investigative process has run its course."

"Obviously time is of the essence, because all of this comes at a critical juncture in the presidential selection process. But we do not want the Committee's deliberations short-circuited."

Dole added, "Senator Bayh says he doesn't know how to say 'no' to the President if he wants to come and testify prior to the Democratic National Convention. My answer to that is that if it is inappropriate and premature to have the President appear, you simply say 'no'."