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TOPEKA, Kan. -- "Despite Billy Carter's portrayal of himself as 'just an ordinary citizen from a small southern town,' he apparently received extraordinary treatment when it came to paying his taxes," Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) said today.

"There is evidence that Billy Carter failed to pay any federal income taxes on his 1978 income of more than \$300,000 until after he received his 'loan' from the Libyan government this year. His earnings far exceeded the \$200,000 salary that President Carter earned.

"Billy Carter lamented being a subject of an IRS review audit beginning in February 1977, in which he indicated that his tax returns for the preceding five years were under review, in addition to the years 1977 and 1978.

"Published reports which Billy Carter has acknowledge in his Senate testimony suggest that he is much more than an ordinary citizen when it comes to tax audits. Billy has profited from his brother's position and since 1977 has earned six-figure incomes each year. It appears that while his income was increasing several-fold over the past three years, he was ignoring his responsibilities and obligations as a taxpayer. He didn't pay his taxes when they were due, he didn't file estimated quarterly returns, he didn't even pay Social Security withholding on his household employees.

"He is unhappy with the IRS, but if anything, it seems as if the IRS has treated him much more benignly than ordinary citizens in a similar situation. Billy Carter didn't file quarterly estimates of his 1978 income, as required during that year, nor did he remit any payment for federal taxes owed for 1978 when they were due in 1979.

"The 1977 IRS audit of Billy's return was merely a part of standard IRS procedures to routinely audit returns of incoming presidents, vice-presidents and their business associates. Billy, of course, was a business partner of President Carter in the Carter family peanut warehouse.

"This issue is still under investigation by the subcommittee, but from what we know now, it seems that Billy's taxes will be a major line of inquiry in the upcoming sessions."