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SENATE REPORT SHOULD BE HELD UP UNTIL JUSTICE PROBE FINISHED

WASHINGTON-- A Senate Subcommittee report on the activities of Billy Carter should be held up until the Justice Department completes its own internal probe and makes its findings available to the Subcommittee.

That's the opinion of Subcommittee member Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas).

According to Dole, "It was always our intent to include the findings of the report of the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) in our own report. Now, according to the Washington Star and other news media, the Justice Department's internal investigation is not likely to be finished for several weeks. It seems to me that we would have to wait until we receive this important document before we could issue even a so-called interim report."

The Senate Subcommittee had set October 4 as a deadline for an interim report on the Billy Carter affair.

Dole, who originally called for an investigation into Billy Carter's financial dealings with the government of Libya in mid-July, says "to release this report now, without seeing the OPR report, is going to invite charges of 'white-wash.'"

Post-Election?

"The other problem raised by these reports of delay in the Justice Department internal probe is that it now appears possible that the report may be delayed until after November 4th. Again, that would have the appearance of being politically motivated. In my opinion it is of vital importance to everyone involved, and perhaps especially so for the President, that these investigations and reports be fair, complete and timely. A delay by the Justice Department would jeopardize all three of these goals," said Dole.