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Senator Bob Dole today joined with former Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski in urging Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti to investigate potential campaign abuses of the Executive Branch of government by the Carter White House to promote the President's reelection campaign objectives.

"Since October 1, the Carter Cabinet has made more than 100 campaign appearances on the President's behalf. Yet, the Cabinet has met only seven times in the last sixteen months," Senator Dole said.

"Millions upon millions worth of federal grant awards have been announced by the White House and Cabinet in politically sensitive areas during the campaign period which were destined for politically sensitive areas. Sometimes these awards were made before the involved agencies had completed the review and sign-off process. This is the case with a \$4 million urban crime program announced by the White House in late September. The two agencies involved, LEAA of the Justice Department and Action, have yet to agree on the grants and formally approve them.

"Mr. Jaworski has charged that civil servants have been utilized systematically for campaign purposes. The published reports of these activities suggest that the abuses are quite serious and widespread. In past campaign years, the Justice Department has issued advisory opinions to career employees warning them of prohibited partisan activity under the provisions of the Hatch Act. If such warnings were issued this year, there seems to be a significant disregard for them.

"The Attorney General should promptly respond to Mr. Jaworski's call," the Kansas Senator said.