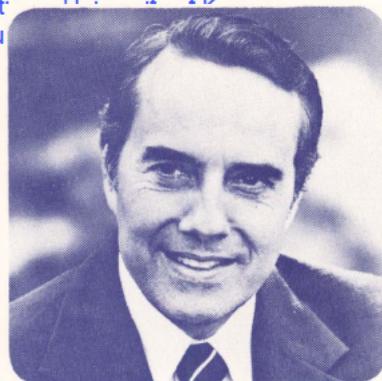


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DOLE SEEKS CRACKDOWN ON ALLEGED KANSAS ADOPTION SCAM

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole today said that he has been in touch with local Kansas law enforcement officials regarding a reported adoption scam now operating in the midwest. Dole has contacted the FBI about the operation that could have already bilked Kansans out of thousands of dollars.

Earlier this week, Dole's office received a telephone call from Kansas authorities about Mexican children being offered through adoption agencies for \$5-10,000 but in fact are never delivered to the paying couples.

John Grubb, Police Chief, Chase, Kansas, informed Senator Dole's Washington office of his investigation of individuals who are reportedly offering Kansas couples the opportunity to adopt Mexican children. Although there are at least two known cases where Kansans actually received babies, as many as 14 complainants have paid between \$5,000 and \$10,000 to these individuals without receiving a child. Similar complaints have been reported by local law enforcement agencies in as many as nine other states, including Oklahoma and Texas.

Senator Dole's office is cooperating with Kansas Attorney General Bob Stephan, who is investigating the matter. At the request of Chief Grubb, Senator Dole's office contacted the FBI to verify that a federal investigation is being made. Senator Dole has asked that he be kept apprised of the investigation.

Senator Dole suggests that if anyone has information relevant to such an operation in their area that they contact the Kansas Attorney General's office or local law enforcement agencies.

Senator Dole is a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which has jurisdiction over federal immigration policy, and serves on the Subcommittee on Criminal Laws.

"I will explore whether current laws are adequate to protect our citizens from this type of fraud," said Dole. "It is certainly a matter of federal interest, particularly in light of the implication for immigration law enforcement."