

Bob Dole



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## INS UPDATE

WASHINGTON -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole today issued the following statement concerning his recent correspondence with INS Commissioner Doris Meissner:

"Yesterday, I wrote to INS Commissioner Doris Meissner asking her to respond to allegations that INS officials have deliberately adopted a 'go slow' approach to processing several Freedom of Information Act requests for the records of Annabella del Rosario Paiz Realegeno, Senator Feinstein's former housekeeper who was granted permanent legal status in June of 1993. In my letter, I asked some simple questions: Why hasn't the INS publicly released the immigration files of Mrs. Realegeno? Has any Administration official ever pressured the INS to stall on the FOIA requests? And when will the requests finally be processed?

"Earlier today, I received a copy of another letter, dated March 4, 1988 and signed by an individual named 'Dianne Feinstein,' which acknowledges that Mrs. Realegeno's immigration status has been 'somewhat mixed up during the years' and requests 'favorable consideration for permanent residency.' According to press reports, Senator Feinstein has suggested that the letter is 'false,' and perhaps a 'forgery.' To my knowledge, the INS has neither confirmed nor denied whether this letter is, in fact, part of Mrs. Realegeno's immigration files.

"I took Attorney General Reno at her word when she testified during her confirmation hearing that politics wouldn't play a role at the Justice Department. That's why I hope the INS isn't deliberately dragging its feet in order to assist the candidacy of Senator Feinstein.

"The INS was very quick to initiate a preliminary investigation when Representative Huffington voluntarily acknowledged that his family had once employed an illegal alien. But when it comes to issues that may adversely affect the candidacy of Senator Feinstein, the INS has apparently gone down the 'hear-no-evil, see-no-evil' road: When the Huffington campaign charged that a newspaper reporter had attempted to bribe the husband of the Huffingtons' former nanny, offering 'green cards and jobs in exchange for information,' the INS was silent. Now, by failing to promptly process the FOIA requests, the INS has opened itself up to the charge that it has joined forces with the Feinstein campaign."

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