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Congressman Bob Dole, 6th District Kansas Republican has been notified by the Department of the Air Force that it is possible for farmers to terrace land over a missile complex cable line in the Schilling Air Force Atlas Missile Complex area. To do so, permission must be obtained from the District Engineer, Corps of Army Engineers at Kansas City.

Dole had appealed to the Secretary of the Air Force recently as a result of numerous complaints from landowners in the Schilling missile complex. These farmers told Dole they are prevented from carrying out one-hundred per cent soil conservation practices on their land due to prohibitions against terracing across cable line easements.

"The Department of the Air Force has informed me by letter that farmers whose easements prohibit terracing across lines buried in these easements, may request a change to permit terracing. Landowners desiring such changes should write Colonel Andrew P. Rollins, District Engineer, U. S. Army Engineers, 601 Davidson Building, Kansas City, Missouri, requesting it", Dole said.

The Air Force advised Dole, landowners will in all probability be required to repay a part of the cost to the Government between the original easement and the less restrictive one, in the event of an adjustment.

"Easements now and hereafter being negotiated, permit landowners to change the level of land surface, providing they give the Base Commander 120 days advance notice of their intention to change land level. Payments in such cases will be somewhat less than that received by those now having easements", Dole concluded.