

RELEASE FROM THE OFFICE OF
CONGRESSMAN BOB DOLE (R-KANSAS)

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Cong. Bob Dole (R-Kansas) announced receipt of a letter today from Joseph M. Robertson, Administrative Assistant to U.S.D.A. Secretary, Orville Freeman, indicating the "Freeman Directive" authorizing career officials in the Departmentsto promote pending legislation has been withdrawn. Dole has written Freeman on April 20 requesting such action following an announcement of John W. Macy, Jr., Chairman of U.S. Civil Service Commission that a previous memorandum issued by him to all Department had been rescinded.

"This means," Dole said, "that U.S.D.A. employees no longer have the right of obligation to lobby for Freeman's pending farm program or any other legislation still pending before Congress. This represents a victory, not only for the public generally, but for career government employees who in some instances have been advised to sell the program or else, including those State A.S.C. officials recently advised by the President personally not to let their Congressman 'get lonesome'.

"Certainly when Congress enacts a program federal employees have the duty to administer it in accordance with directives and regulations authorized by the legislation, however, Government employees should not be required to promote pending legislation and then change their convictions every time there is a change of administrations."

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(Attached for information is copy of letter from Joseph Robertson to Cong. Dole.)