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CONGRESSMAN BOB DOLE (R-KANSAS)

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Cong. Bob Dole (R-Kansas) stated today he has again written Secretary Orville Freeman concerning unanswered questions raised in a previous letter to Freeman, April 17, 1962.

Dole said: "Secretary Freeman has been strangely silent throughout the Billie Sol Estes controversy and I can only conclude he is unwilling to accept responsibility for conduct of his Department. His complete silence is conclusive that no serious personal effort will be made to determine the real facts. It also points up the folly of previously released statements by U.S.D.A. officials that they were investigating misconduct of Department employees.

"Despite the unusual silence of the Secretary, he cannot avoid his obligation to the public and hence, I have again written for answers to the following questions:

- "1) Why were two Oklahoma A.S.C. officials permitted to remain employees of the Department of Agriculture in view of their actions? Why were they only suspended for two weeks without pay?
- "2) Why was Billie Sol Estes named to your National Cotton Advisory Committee over the objections of the personnel section of USDA? Why was he permitted to remain as a member of that Committee until after his indictment in Texas?
- "3) Why was Emery^J Jacobs, Deputy Administrator of A.S.C.S. permitted to resign instead of being discharged immediately when his actions were first brought to light?
- "4) Is legislation required to prevent this alleged conniving with respect to cotton allotments and could similar operations be conducted in wheat and other basic commodities?"

In conclusion Dole said: " We cannot expect Brother Bobby to investigate Brother Jack's U.S. Dept. of Agriculture nor can we expect Secretary Freeman to investigate political employees in his Department and hence since the Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee has declined to authorize an investigation the all-powerful federal government must sit idly by and wait for the Attorney General of Texas to conduct an investigation of a matter involving federal employees and a federal agency.

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