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# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE ASKS PROMPT ACTION ON KANSAS DISASTER DECLARATION REQUEST

WASHINGTON, D.C.--President Gerald Ford was today asked to move with all possible speed on the Kansas request for a federal disaster declaration for some twenty-one Kansas counties which sustained serious storm damage in mid-June.

In a letter to the President, Senator Bob Dole said that damage to public and private property in some areas of the state was too large to be adequately repaired with state and local funds. Citing damage estimates prepared by the Office of Governor Bennett, Dole sought to underscore the magnitude of the disaster which did an estimated \$20 million dollars damage to private and public property and to agriculture, in widely scattered areas of the state.

Federal and state officials are currently conducting a damage inspection survey to develop more precise estimates. Dole said it was the goal of federal officials to have these surveys completed by mid-week and a recommendation to the President would be expected to follow shortly thereafter. Dole urged that President Ford direct the appropriate administration officials to "process the request as quickly as is humanly possible. Once a final determination is made, state and local officials can begin at once to make plans for the longer term recovery effort with certain knowledge as to the degree of federal assistance that can be anticipated."