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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE CRITICIZES CHOICE OF SORENSEN TO HEAD C.I.A. -- SUGGESTS HE WITHDRAW

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole said today that he is puzzled by President-elect Carter's proposed nomination of Theodore Sorensen to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. "Sorensen could save Carter and his new Administration embarrassment by withdrawing from consideration," Dole added.

"The Director of the C.I.A. occupies an important position within our defense and foreign policy systems," Dole said. "Mr. Sorensen's statements show him to be totally out of step with what I believe to be our current defense and foreign policy directions."

Dole criticized Sorensen's published statements which urge massive cuts in the defense budget, support publication of the complete C.I.A. budget and which generally demonstrate his "soft attitude toward Russia and complete lack of managerial experience."

Dole also noted that Sorensen continues to classify himself as a pacifist, having registered for the draft as a conscientious objector in 1948. "His background, statements, and orientation hardly reflect the philosophy I would expect to find in a nominee for the Director of a national intelligence gathering agency," Dole concluded.