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# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE REQUESTS STATUS REPORT ON GROVE RESERVOIR

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole today asked President Carter for a complete report on the status of the Grove Reservoir project and his decision to delete funding for the project from the revised 1978 budget. In a letter to the President, Dole stated that the project was needed to assure an adequate future water supply for the city of Topeka.

Dole noted that the project has been under consideration for a number of years and has the approval of nearly everyone in the Topeka community. The Kansas Senator requested a full explanation, before March 15, of why the project is being scuttled. On March 15, the Senate Budget Committee on which Dole serves, must make its own decision on 1978 funding for reservoir projects.

The full text of Dole's letter to Carter follows:

Dear Mr. President:

Your decision to delete a funding request for the Grove Reservoir project in the State of Kansas during the coming fiscal year was surprising, particularly in light of the anticipated municipal water needs of Topeka and surrounding communities in the years ahead.

As you are undoubtedly aware, Grove Reservoir has the endorsement of both the Topeka City Council and the Shawnee County Commission. Initial planning and engineering work are nearly complete, and land acquisition is now scheduled for early fall. Even a temporary halt in federal funding for the project will seriously disrupt the momentum of development and add to the construction costs.

This executive decision to omit funding for fiscal year 1978 predates final Congressional determination of budget levels for public works projects, as well as annual appropriation hearings on the individual water resource items. I would hope that this move to scuttle on-going work on Grove Reservoir will be reconsidered, and I would appreciate a full report on the Administration's position on the project prior to Senate Budget Committee mark-up and Senate Appropriations Committee consideration of the matter.

Sincerely,  
Bob Dole

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