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DOLE CALLS FOR APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL PROSECUTOR TO LOOK INTO CARTER LOANS

WASHINGTON-- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas), a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, says that he believes, "the time has come when it would be in the best interest of everyone, including the President, to appoint a special prosecutor to look into alleged irregularities involving loans by the National Bank of Georgia to the Carter family warehouse."

Dole, who, until now, has been reluctant to call for a special prosecutor, says information contained in a front-page Washington Post story yesterday prompted his call for action.

The Post story contained allegations that a former bonded warehouseman and Billy Carter repeatedly altered records and pledged the same collateral twice in 1976 in an effort to conceal a \$500,000 deficit in payments on a National Bank of Georgia loan.

Today the Post reported that FBI agents interviewed the warehouseman, Jimmy Hayes, for two hours last evening at his south Georgia home.

"I have been extremely concerned that this matter not be seen as partisan, nor that it become a political football. Thus I have refrained, until now, from joining the growing numbers of those calling for the appointment of a special prosecutor. But these new allegations, which apparently would involve violations of 1976 and 1977 banking laws, make it imperative, I believe, that some action be taken at this time by the Justice Department. It would be in the best interest of the nation, and the Carter Administration, if this matter were to be resolved as quickly as possible," says Dole.