



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE PLEASSED BY SPECIAL PROSECUTOR REPORT IN TIMES

DES MOINES, IOWA-- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) said today that he is "pleased and gratified" by reports, published in today's New York Times, that the Department of Justice is seeking candidates for special prosecutor to conduct an investigation of bank loans provided to President Carter's family's peanut business by the National Bank of Georgia.

Dole asked the Justice Department to appoint a special prosecutor last Sunday, following reports in the Washington Post alleging that there may have been banking law violation involving the NBG and the Carter family warehouse as far back as 1976.

Dole, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said last Sunday that he thought the appointment of a special prosecutor would be "in the best interest of everyone, including the President."

Dole was later joined by Senate Minority Leader Howard Baker (R.-Tenn.) in his request.

"I'm very pleased the Justice Department has apparently decided to move forward in this matter," said Dole. "I believe it will take this potentially explosive issue out of the realm of partisan politics and place in the proper judicial forum," said Dole.