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TRAVELGATE COVERUP??

**DOLE CALLS FOR CONGRESSIONAL PROBE; RELEASES IRS & FBI
CORRESPONDENCE; TRAVELGATE PLOT THICKENS BUT WHITE HOUSE INTERNAL
INVESTIGATION HAS NO CREDIBILITY; LOTS OF QUESTIONS, FEW ANSWERS.**

WASHINGTON -- As more damaging evidence becomes public in the ongoing Travelgate scandal at the White House, Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole today called for a Congressional probe to look into the apparent political abuse of the FBI and the IRS.

Meanwhile, Senator Dole also released Travelgate correspondence with FBI Director William Sessions, Attorney-General Janet Reno, IRS Commissioner Margaret Richardson and Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen, letters Dole says "raise many more disturbing questions."

"Americans are deeply troubled when they hear that the FBI and IRS may be getting political marching orders from the White House. And people are now wondering if there's a coverup going on. Well, there might be, and there might not be. But how would we know? The White House's fox-in-the-chicken-coop 'internal investigation' has absolutely no credibility, and the Democrat-controlled Congress has shown no willingness to demand accountability from a Democrat-controlled White House," Dole said.

"The media have exposed some tantalizing evidence, but it's time now for the Congress to act, to get the facts out and to let the chips fall where they may. When any party tries to turn government agencies into political body guards, we've got a crisis of confidence," Dole said.

"Unfortunately, today's White House briefing makes clear the Administration won't call for a special counsel, will only release 'components' of its own internal review, and sees no reason for Congressional oversight. If the White House continues to stall and evade, it will only have itself to blame if the charge of coverup starts to stick."

Earlier today, Dole joined with Senator Charles Grassley in writing to Senator David Pryor, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Private Pension Plans and Oversight of the Internal Revenue Service, requesting a hearing into the possible involvement of the IRS in the Travelgate scandal. Dole also wrote to Senator Joseph Biden, renewing his request for a Judiciary Committee investigation.

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