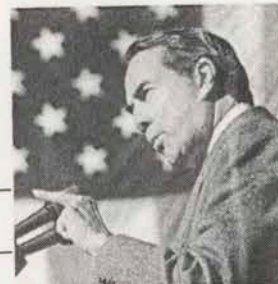


Bob Dole



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SCAM LETTER

KANSANS BEWARE! DOLE URGES STATE & FEDERAL PROBES OF LETTER
SEEKING \$300 FOR PHONY MULTIMILLION DOLLAR FEDERAL WINDFALL

WASHINGTON -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-Kansas) has written to Kansas State Attorney General Robert Stephan, Ohio State Attorney General Lee Fisher, and United States Attorney General Janet Reno requesting that they investigate an anonymous letter, which appears to be an attempt to defraud unsuspecting individuals of \$300 each.

The letter, which has been circulating in Ohio, was brought to Senator Dole's attention by the office of Representative Michael Oxley (R-OH). The names of Senator and Mrs. Dole are mentioned in the letter's description of the scheme. "It deeply troubles me whenever anyone uses my name and the name of my wife without our authorization," Dole said in his letter delivered Thursday to Attorney General Stephan. "These concerns are heightened when it appears that our names are being used to further a scheme designed to rip-off innocent and unsuspecting people."

The anonymous letter alleges that the federal government has entered into a settlement agreement entitling every U.S. citizen to a payment of between \$5 million and \$10 million. The letter also states that the federal government "has agreed to pay all claims presented," so long as claimants pay a \$300 filing fee "intended to cover costs of expediting the claims and delivering the money." A Topeka address and telephone number are cited in the letter as a contact point for processing the claims.

A copy of Senator Dole's letter to Attorney General Stephan is attached. Similar letters were sent to the Attorney Generals of the United States and of Ohio.

Dear Attorney General Stephan:

Yesterday, I received a copy of an unsigned letter, which appears to be an attempt to defraud individuals out of \$300. I have enclosed the letter for your review.

As you will see, the letter alleges that the federal government has entered into a settlement agreement entitling every U.S. citizen to several million dollars. The letter states that the federal government "has agreed to pay all claims presented." It then suggests that claims will be processed by paying a \$300 filing fee "approved by the court" and "intended to cover costs of expediting the claims and delivering the money."

According to Representative Michael Oxley's office, the letter has apparently been circulated among church congregations in the State of Ohio. I do not know whether the letter has been circulated in Kansas or in any other state. Representative Oxley's office has indicated to my staff that several people have, in fact, sent \$300 to the Topeka address listed in the letter.

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The letter alleges that the Federal Reserve Board has shipped "hundreds of trillions of dollars of gold, silver, platinum, diamonds, etc." back from Switzerland to Ft. Knox and other places in the United States, presumably to pay the claims under the imaginary settlement agreement. More specifically, the letter alleges that my wife and I "signed the manifest upon arrival." This statement is, of course, totally untrue.

As you might suspect, it deeply troubles me whenever anyone uses my name and the name of my wife without our authorization. These concerns are heightened when it appears that our names are being used to further a scheme designed to rip-off innocent and unsuspecting people.

As you will see, the letter is unsigned. However, the letter does cite the names of two individuals, who are described as "certified claims writers." Of course, I have no knowledge of the possible participation, or lack of participation, of these individuals in the scheme outlined in the letter.

Attorney General Stephan, please review the letter to determine whether your office should intervene in this matter. I have also brought the letter to the attention of the Office of the Ohio State Attorney General and the United States Department of Justice.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this request. If you need more information, please contact me or Dennis Shea of my staff at (202) 224-3135.

Sincerely,


BOB DOLE

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