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SENATOR DOLE
'Tired of hearings'

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Bid to Halt Watergate TV Hearings

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Senator Robert J. Dole (Rep-Kan.), saying "the people want the hearings off the screen," drafted a resolution yesterday to end the Senate Watergate hearings and leave the scandal to the courts.

Former attorney general Richard G. Kleindienst also urged a suspension of the televised hearings in the interest of a fair trial for any defendants who are indicted.

But a spokesman for the Senate committee headed by Senator Sam J. Ervin (Dem-N.C.) said there is little chance Dole's resolution will pass the Senate.

Contradicting Dole's observation that the public had "had enough of watching the seven senators try Richard Nixon on television," the Ervin committee spokesman said 90 per cent of the 14,000 letters it had received since the president's news conference August 22 favored continuing the hearings.

Pressing the argument that Mr. Nixon has used in recent days, Dole said that "with all these problems we have, particularly with inflation, we ought to be devoting our time to these issues and these problems and letting the grand jury and the courts get along with the Watergate." *United Press*