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[REDACTED]
Wichita, Kansas 67208

Dear [REDACTED]

This will acknowledge and thank you for your letter of June 1, expressing your concern over the procedures and practices whereby baby seals and other ocean mammals are captured and killed.

As you perhaps know, Senator Harris has introduced legislation to protect baby seals by prohibiting the importation of their pelts for coats. Enclosed is a copy of this bill, S. 1315, for your perusal. As will be noted in Section 303, the bill authorizes the Pribilof Islands to be designated as a national seal rookery, preserved and protected by the Department of the Interior. This would be a type of refuge area, and would be protected by our government. At present, no action has yet been scheduled on S. 1315 by the Senate Commerce Committee. However, I appreciate your interest in matters of this nature, and you may be assured S. 1315 and all similar legislation will receive my most careful review and consideration, bearing in mind your thoughts.

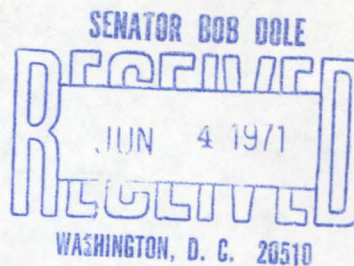
Thank you again for writing, and do let me know whenever I may be of assistance in any way.

Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE
U. S. Senate

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Enclosure

June 1, 1971



The Honorable Bob Dole
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

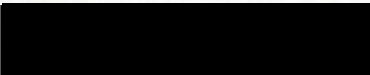
Dear Senator Dole:

Each year American trappers go to the Islands around Alaska and kill hundreds of newly born seals. This practice is neither humane, nor does it consider the long term future of the ecological balance in nature. It is my belief that this practice should be abolished and sanctions set up for preservation of the species.

Other countries, as well as the United States, practice this inhumane killing. The United States should take the first step and try to set up international rules so that all species, as well as the seals, have a place in our fast-growing world.

If there is no bill at this present time which could cover this area, would you consider laying the ground work for one? If there is a bill on the docket, I hope that you give it your strongest support. Thank you in advance for consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely,


Wichita, Kansas 67208