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Washington D.C. --- U.S. Representative Nick J. Rahall (D-4th), has called upon President Carter to appoint a Special Prosecutor to investigate South Korea's efforts to influence elected and non-elected officials of the United States.

Congressman Rahall was joined by over 25, first and second term Members of Congress who have asked the President, "to direct the Attorney General to appoint a special prosecutor to look into this matter immediately."

Rahall stated, "Last April I joined with 50 other Congressmen in a letter to Chairman John Flynt of the House Ethics Committee to accelerate the investigation into influence-buying by South Korean representatives...but the foot-dragging many of us feared earlier this year seems to be occurring."

Congressman Rahall and the others asked the President, "How can the American people have confidence in this inquiry when there are news accounts of the involvement of more than 115 present and past Members of Congress in this scandal?...It is time we had a Special Prosecutor."

"In today's political atmosphere there is an urgent need that this investigation, because of the scope of possible involvement by so many elected officials, proceed openly to a just and fair conclusion," the Congressmen said.

Congressman Rahall has also joined Rep. Bill Goodling (R-Pa), in sponsoring a resolution in the House of Representatives, to ask the Attorney General to appoint a special prosecutor.

The House Ethics Committee recently questioned all Members of Congress on their possible involvement with South Korean officials. Congressman Rahall stated that, "No South Korean representatives have contacted me, but since I am a first-term Congressman, most of their contacts were with Members of the last Congress."