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TEXT OF NEW YEAR'S STATEMENT BY BOB DOLE, M.C.

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1967 was a year of crisis and conflict. 1968 must be a year of decision and a year of action.

Hopefully, the coming year will see a decisive and successful conclusion to our military commitment in Viet Nam.

In the U. S., our people have a right to look to their chosen leaders in government for bold, forthright decisions leading to the solution of pressing national problems. The decisions we made or don't make, what we do or do not do in Washington will have long-term ramifications fanning out to millions of families in the U. S. and throughout the world.

Decisions must be made to curb the rising rate of crime and lawlessness, to meet the growing threat to our country's economic stability and to help alleviate the plight of our urban and rural areas.

Only by removing the creators of these Administration policies and plans from seats of national power can the American people truly hope for such decisive action.

The greatest resolution our leaders can give the American people in the New Year is to resolve the crisis and conflict which characterized 1967.