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WASHINGTON, D.C. Aug. 4 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today questioned the accuracy of statements made by Kenneth O'Donnell, former aide to President John F. Kennedy.

Dole introduced on the Senate floor a partial transcript of a September 9, 1963 NBC TV interview with the late President in which Kennedy said, "What I am concerned about is that Americans will get impatient and say, because they don't like events in Southeast Asia...that we should withdraw....I think we should stay. We should use our influence in as effective a way as we can, but we should not withdraw."

In his recent book, O'Donnell claimed that President Kennedy would have ended the war in 1963 except for the fact that he feared political repercussions.

Dole said, "Under President Nixon the war is being wound down as rapidly as is consistent with our own national security, our commitments to our allies and our credibility with the rest of the world.

"President Nixon is doing what he said he would do and he is doing what must be done in the way that it should be done."