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WASHINGTON, D.C., OCT. 16, 1971 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole today joined in cosponsoring a Senate resolution calling for the shipment of F-4 jet aircraft to Israeel in order to maintain the arms balance in the Middle East.

On May 28, 1970, 76 Senators wrote the Secretary of State on this subject, and on July 30, 1970, 73 Senators sent a letter to the President expressing their concern over the shift in the balance of power.

Dole said, continuing Soviet shipments of advanced weaponry and the presence in Egypt of some 20,000 Soviet personnel including combat pilots underscore the immediate need for supplying Israel the means with which to deter Soviet and Arab miscalculation leading to renewed hostilities. Serious negotiations leading to a durable peace settlement are highly unlikely as long as the Arab states hope eventually to defeat Isreel militarily.