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DOLE VOICES PRAISE FOR KISSINGER

After attending the swearing-in of Dr. Henry Kissinger at the White House this morning, Senator Bob Dole praised the new Secretary of State as a man of "energy, resourcefulness, intelligence and dedication."

Kissinger has distinguished himself, said Dole, "as an open and candid person who does not shrink from controversy nor avoid debate and the confrontation of ideas with those who may differ. He has served the United States well in four and a half years of unparalleled accomplishment in international relations and will continue to do so in his new post."

Dole said that the appointment of Kissinger, a refugee immigrant, to the high post was a "fulfillment of the American tradition and ideal that any man can rise as far as his talents and abilities can take him."