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## MIA AMENDMENT INTRODUCED BY DOLE ADOPTED BY THE SENATE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Senate today adopted an amendment introduced by Senator Bob Dole barring any aid to North Vietnam until such time as there is a full accounting, as ordered by the Paris Peace Agreements, for those Americans listed as missing-in-action.

Dole's amendment is intended to accomplish two purposes: first, to clarify the intention of the U.S. that North Vietnam and the Viet Cong live up to their obligations under the agreement which ended U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War; and second, to demonstrate to the families of the some 1,300 missing Americans that these men are not forgotten.

"For eight months, the North Vietnamese have not only refused to cooperate in our efforts to assert our rights under these agreements, but they have obstructed and frustrated our efforts to do so," Dole said.

"This amendment forecloses any opportunity that North Vietnam can expect any advantage or gain to flow from their violation of the Paris Agreements. Not only does this amendment deny any American aid -- but it assures that no funds will be used to promote trade, engage in cultural exchange programs or any other kind of accommodation which other nations might enjoy with the United States."